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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَّا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهٗ لَا شَرِيْکَ لَهٗ وَ اَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهٗ وَرَسُوْلُهٗ

"I Bear Witness that there is none worthy of Worship expect Allāh and I bear Witness that Muhammad[sa] is His servant and His messenger."

Today, on the completion of 100 years of Khilāfat, we take oath by invoking the name of Allāh the Exalted and pledge that we shall continue to strive, till the final moments of our lives, for the propagation of Islām and Ahmadiyyat and the name of the Holy Prophet[sa], to the corners of the world, and for the completion of this sacred duty, we shall always keep our lives dedicated for the sake of Allāh and His Holy Prophet[sa] and by offering sacrifices in ever-increasing measure, we will keep the flag of Islām flying high in every country until the end of time. We also affirm that we will continue to endeavour, until our last breath, for safeguarding and strengthening of the system of Khilāfat and shall keep on advising our generation after generation to always remain attached to Khilāfat and benefit from its blessings; so that Khilāfat Ahmadiyya may remain intact till the end of time, and the dissemination of Islām's message may continue to take place through the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islām, till the end of time, and the flag of the Holy Prophet[sa] may start flying higher than all other banners of the world. O God! Please enable us to fulfill this pledge.

Amīn, Amīn, Amīn.

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In the Name of Allāh, the most Gracious, the ever Merciful!

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From the Holy Qur'ān

وَعَدَ اللّٰهُ الَّذِينَ اٰمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُواالصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضٰى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِّنْۢ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ؕ يَعْبُدُوْنَنِي لَايُشْرِكُوْنَ بِيْ شَيْئًا ؕ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذٰلِكَ فَأُولٰٓئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۞ (النور-56)

Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (24:56)

Hadīth: Saying of the Holy Prophet[sa]

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللّٰهِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:عَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِيْ وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِيْنَ الْمَهْدِيِّيْنَ۔

(جامع ترمذی۔کتاب العلم،باب الاخذ بالسنۃ)

The Holy Prophet[sa] said:

"It is incumbent upon you to follow my and my successors' *sunnat* (traditions). They (successors) are the ones who will be guided by Allāh; and through the light of Divine Guidance, they will show the way to the believers."

(Tirmidhi, Kitabul 'Ilm, Babul Akhaz Bilsunnah)

From the Precious Writings of the Promised Messiah[as]

The Eternal Necessity and Importance of the System of Khilāfat

A Successor is called a Khalīfa and the successor of a Messenger [of God], in its actual and true meanings, can only be the one who has qualities of the Messenger in a *Zilli* [subordinate] manner. This is why the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] did not want the word Khalīfa to be used to refer to unjust kings because a Khalīfa is in reality a *Zil* [reflection] of a Messenger [of God]. And since there is no eternal sustenance for any man, God Almighty decided to sustain the existence of prophets, who are more responsible and greater than all other beings in the whole world, by way of reflection forever till the Day of Judgement. For this very reason, God Almighty implemented (the system of) Khilāfat so that the world is never deprived of the blessings of prophethood in any time period. Therefore, the one who believes in Khilāfat for thirty years only is overlooking the essential purpose of Khilāfat due to his misunderstanding and he does not know that God Almighty never willed that after the death of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] the blessings of prophethood are only necessarily sustained for thirty years through the Khulāfa' and, after this, there is no concern even if the world is destroyed [spiritually].

(Ruhāni Khazā'in, Volume 6, Shahadatul Qur'ān, pages 353-354)

Leader of the Faithful and Spiritual Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community!

Khilāfatul-Masih V^aa — Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad

Message from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^aa

This is the English Translation of the Urdu letter sent by Huzoor (may Allāh be his Helper) to the National President Lajna Imā'illāh Canada, Mrs. Amtul Noor Daud Sāhiba on February 07, 2015.

London

07 February 2015

Respected Sadr Sahiba Lajna Imā'illāh Canada

Assalāmo alaikum wa rahmatullāh wa barākatohu!

You have requested a message on the occasion of the publication of your Special Edition marking the ten years of the Fifth Khilāfat. Remember that the purpose of magazines that are adorned with articles and pictures is not to just expound on how much Allāh the Almighty has showered His blessings in a particular era. Rather, by documenting the history and importance of that period, the purpose is to make the members of the organization, realize that keeping these blessings in mind, we need to cement our bond with the system of Khilāfat more than ever, and to try to become its assistants and helpers.

It is the Grace of Allāh the Almighty that in accordance with His promises, He is supporting and helping Khilāfat Ahmadiyya, and that mission—for which He sent the Promised Messiah^as—is being carried out through Khilāfat Ahmadiyya. As the Promised Messiah^as has defined, there are two primary objectives, which you need to propagate in accordance with the teachings of Islām and model of the Holy Prophet^sa. These objectives are: Firstly, bringing man closer to Allāh, and enabling him to fulfill the rights of God. And, secondly, fulfilling the rights of one another, and based on all of your capabilities making sacrifices for this purpose. Thus, assess your condition as to what extent—as the helpers of the Khalīfa of the Time—you are fulfilling these two types of rights. If the members of the Jamā'at, whether they are men or women, are not fulfilling these rights, then they do not have the right to express joy or celebrate such an occasion, because this is a double standard. On the one hand, you are celebrating the fact that Allāh has bestowed the blessing of Khilāfat upon us, and just as Allāh the Almighty bestowed His mercy and blessings upon the Jamā'at after the Promised Messiah^as and during the era of all the Khulafā', similarly He has not only continued to shower His blessings during the period of the Fifth Khilāfat , but is increasing [these blessings] on a daily basis. While, on the other hand, you are not paying full

attention to the responsibility that Allāh Almighty has placed on you as the assistants and helpers of the Khalīfa of the Time to play your part in completing the mission of the Promised Messiah[as]. Therefore, you should all assess your condition and become even more active in fulfilling your responsibilities than before.

This edition that you are publishing includes various articles about Khilāfat as well as poems. Excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiah[as] and references from Khulāfa' Ahmadiyyat have been cited. Similarly, some of my sermons have also been included. All of these will be beneficial only, when taking these ten years as one milestone, you make even better plans for how to become Sultān Naseer [i.e. the best helpers] of the Khalīfa of the Time. So that, where [you] are fulfilling the rights of Allāh, [you] will also be contributing to the progress of the Jamā'at.

Always remember that Lajna Imā'illāh is such an organization with which the moral and spiritual training of future generations of Jamā'at is closely bound. Those who are being raised in your laps will become the future assets of the Jamā'at. Remember that neither you should get lost in this environment of worldly materialism, nor should you allow your children to unnecessarily become immersed in the world. This can only happen when you establish your own pious example and work exceptionally hard for your children's spiritual training.

May Allāh enable Lajna Canada to fulfill the expectations that I have of them, and similarly fulfill the right of becoming the helpers of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya. Amīn!

Wassalām,

Yours Faithfully,

Mirza Masroor Ahmad

Khalīfatul Masīḥ V

London

27/03/15

Respected Sadr Sahiba Lajna Imā'illāh Canada

Assalāmo alaikum wa rahmatullāh wa barākatohu!

Your letter dated March 24 with reference to the publication of the special issue of An-Nisaa' has been received. May Allāh bestow the best reward on the members who were able to serve in preparation of this magazine, and enable them to truly fulfill their future responsibilities as well. May Allāh be with you all. *Amīn!*

Wassalām,

Yours Faithfully,

Mirza Masroor Ahmad

Khalīfatul Masīḥ V

Message from Hazrat Sāhibzādi Amatul Jameel Begum Sāhiba

In the name of Allāh, the Gracious the Merciful!

With the blessings and mercy of Allāh!

Respected Sadr Sāhiba Lajna Imā'illah Canada,

Assalāmo alaikum wa rahmatullāh wa barākatohu!

It is by the Grace of Allāh that Lajna Imā'illah Canada has been blessed with the opportunity to publish a special edition of An-Nisaa' on the occasion of completion of the first decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah. May Allāh enable us all to be truly obedient to this (Khilāfat) ultimate blessing; and show such obedience and submission as was advised by our beloved Holy Prophet[sa] to the believers. (Amīn.) He is related to have said, "Adhere to Taqwa, listen and obey." (Tirmidi)[1]

The Promised Messiah[as] has said:

"**Adhere to obedience of Allāh and His Prophet[sa]. Obedience, if embraced with sincerity of heart, brings enlightenment to the heart and soul. The need for obedience is much greater than the need for striving in the cause of faith; however, the obedience ought to be absolute, which is the difficult part."**[2]

Further, always remember this saying of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra]:

"This era has come after thirteen hundred years and cannot come again until the day of Judgement. Thus, be grateful for this blessing because gratitude increases the blessings and the ones who are not grateful should remember that Allāh's wrath is extreme."[3]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra] further said: "Human beings can learn a lot from a honey bee, for example: its wisdom with which it builds the hive and produces honey; avoids sitting on things with bad odour; and most importantly how it follows its leader."[4]

Similarly, Syedna Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra], while reminding us of our basic responsibilities said:

"The Divinely guided Jamā'ats have some responsibilities and they have to follow certain rules and conditions, without which they cannot function properly. Among these conditions and responsibilities, the most important is that after taking oath of allegiance at the hands of an Imām and pledging obedience, one should always be ready to follow the commands of the Imām. Individuals should never participate in activities that can have an adverse effect on the whole Jamā'at. The position of Imām is to command and the duty of a believer is to follow and obey."[5]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra] also said in a Friday Sermon, "What Khilāfat truly means is that as soon as a command comes from the Khalīfa, all other schemes, ideas and plans should be discarded with the belief that now only that scheme, idea or plan is beneficial that has been ordered by the Khalīfa of the time. Until this spirit of obedience is infused in the Jamā'at, all addresses are useless, all schemes false and all plans are ineffective."[6]

The same message was delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[rh], when he said: "Dear brothers! If you want to sustain the close relationship that you have and want to progress in spirituality, come under the protection of the Khalīfa of the time and hold on to the institution of Khilāfat steadfastly, otherwise you will lose the protection of the Holy Prophet[sa] too, because Khalīfa is nothing alone. His status and importance is given to him by the Holy Prophet[sa]; he has no strength or knowledge of his own, therefore do not see that person but notice the pedestal where Allāh and His prophet have placed him."[7]

Our present Khalīfa , Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] has said:

"Tie your link so tightly with Khilāfat until the Day of Judgement as if your hand has held a strong bond which is impossible to break. Thus, if you stay with Khilāfat, Khilāfat most certainly will remain with you and the attachment of both will result in establishing the Unity of Allāh (Tauheed)."

This is the strong bond which was mentioned by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. Huzoor[aa] says:

"It is Allāh's blessing and favour upon Ahmadīs that along with being included in the Ummah of Hazrat Muhammad peace be upon him, they had the chance to join the Jamā'at of Masih Mau'ūd and Mehdī. This Jamā'at has a system of Khilāfat; a strong bond that is unbreakable. Remember although the bond is unbreakable, if you loosen your grip there is a chance of you being lost. May Allāh protect everyone from this loss. Therefore, always remember to hold the rope of Allāh with steadfastness and always remain associated with Khilāfat because there is no security without it."[8]

So my dear sisters and daughters! Rise to fulfill the pledge that we have made with our leader with full sincerity and pray that we remain obedient to Khilāfat until our last breath. May Allāh listen to our humble prayers and enable us to fulfill this pledge. Amīn.

Sources:

1. Abu Dawod and Tirmidhi
2. Tafsīr Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd, Vol. 2, pg. 546—248; Surah An-Nisaa', verse 8
3. Surah Ibrahim, Verse 8; Khutbāt Noor, pg. 131
4. Haqaiqul Furqān, Vol. 2, pg. 68
5. Daily Al Fadl, June 5, 1937, pg. 1, 2
6. Friday Sermon, January 24, 1936; Daily Al Fadl, January 31, 1936, pg. 9
7. Khilāfat and Mujadadiyat, pg. 48 and 49; At the occasion of Ijtimā' of 1968
8. Khutbāt Masroor, Vol. 1, pg. 256 –257

Message from Respected Sadr Sāhiba, Lajna Imā'illah Canada

In the name of Allāh the Gracious the Merciful!

It is a great blessing of Allāh the Almighty that He provided Lajna Imā'illah Canada an opportunity to bring the Special Issue of An-Nisaa' on the ***First Ten Blessed Years of Khilāfat Khāmisah.*** We are very fortunate that Syedna Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper) graciously approved our request and provided us with specific guidelines for this special issue. *Al-humdolillah!*

Dear Readers, Khilāfat is an immense blessing of Allāh. We are extremely fortunate that we have this blessed system, which the rest of Muslim world is missing. Khilāfat is that rope of Allāh to which we must hold on; the survival of the Muslims today is attached with this rope of Allāh. Fortunate are those who are benefitting from this spiritual fountain. May Allāh always keep us and our generations to come attached with Khilāfat with true loyalty. Amīn!

On the publication of this special issue, my heart is filled with so much gratitude to Allāh the Almighty that He enabled us to complete this task to the best of our abilities. This project was a long blessed journey that we embarked upon by first writing letters to Huzoor[aa] for prayers and guidance. Huzoor[aa] replied with beautiful prayers for the success of this project, and suggested a list of seventeen (17) themes/subjects to be included in the special issue of the magazine. All seventeen topics were assigned to the various regions (Majālis) of Lajna Imā'illah for the purpose of conducting research and authoring articles – all Lajna members across Canada enthusiastically participated in this endeavour.

This project benefitted the Lajna members in numerous ways. Through the research on the accomplishments and achievements of Khilāfat Khāmisah, we felt connected with Khilāfat, and our bond with it was strengthened. We were reminded about the important instructions Huzoor[aa] has granted to the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya for their spiritual and moral training throughout his blessed visits of various countries around the world, and in his numerous addresses and sermons. These golden advices of Huzoor[aa] refreshed our minds, and with a new enthusiasm we pledged again to always unequivocally follow the guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa].

I hope the readers would enjoy reading this entire issue, in which we have humbly strived to summarize a few of the achievements of our beloved Imām in the first blessed decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah. It was a great learning experience for us to prepare this issue, and I am sure that it will be a great source of learning for the readers as well, *insha'Allāh!*

However, we can only truly benefit from this magazine, when after reading it,

- our relationship with our Lord becomes stronger;
- we try to fulfill the expectations of the Promised Messiah[as], even more than before; and
- we try to bring pious changes within ourselves.

May Allāh enable us to do so. Amīn!

There are many members who have worked hard to prepare this special issue which included research work, composing (in Urdu), editing, proofreading, graphics, lay-out, formatting, and designing. I am thankful to the National 'Āmila members, Regional and Local Presidents, and all those members who participated in this effort in any capacity. May Allāh reward of all them abundantly, Amīn! I am also thankful to the Respected Amīr Sāhib and his research team for reviewing the entire magazine. JazakAllāh!

My special thanks goes to three dedicated members Dr. Amtul Qudoos Farhat Sāhiba – National Secretary Ishā'at, Farzana Sanory Sāhiba – Editor Urdu section and Sadiqa Hifsa Sāhiba – Editor English section. These three members worked hard day and night, and spent countless hours in bringing this issue to its final shape. Dr. Farhat Sāhiba conducted extensive research for this project and was there for help at every stage of the magazine. Her valuable advices helped the team in finalizing the articles. Similarly, Farzana and Sadiqa went through each and every word of the articles, edited them, and designed the various sections. May Allāh shower His choicest blessings on them and reward them in abundance, Amīn!

Most importantly on behalf of whole Ishā'at team, I am thankful to our beloved Huzoor[aa] for providing us guidance at every step of the way. May Allāh give long healthy life to our beloved Imām Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] and bring further progress to Jamā'at in his blessed period of Khilāfat, Amīn!

Wasslam,

Amtul Noor Daud

Sadr Lajna Imā'illah Canada

From the Desk of the National Secretary Ishā'at

Preparation of the Special Issue – A Blessed Journey

بِنَصْرِ اللّٰهِ ؕ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ ؕ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيْزُ الرَّحِيْمُ ۙ

With the help of Allāh. He helps whom He pleases; and He is the Mighty, the Merciful. (30:6)

Background:

In November, 2013, Ishā'at Department under the advice of Respected Mrs. Amtul Noor Daud Sāhiba, the National President, Lajna Imā'illah Canada proposed publication of a special issue of An-Nisaa' to commemorate the first blessed decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah (2003-2013). The Holy Qur'ān says "…and consult them in matters of administration." (3:159). The proposal, therefore, was put before the National Majlis 'Āmila of Lajna Imā'illah Canada for consultation in a meeting held in November 2013. Subsequently, Sadr Sāhiba wrote a letter to Hazart Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper) seeking his blessings as well as approval for this special project.

Approval by Hazart Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper):

In his reply, Huzoor[aa] very graciously not only appreciated the idea but also suggested a list of topics to be included in this special issue. Our blissful joy needed no bounds as with Huzoor's[aa] supplications and approval we became part of a highly prestigious project.

The letter sent by the office of Huzoor[aa] had a list of 17 topics; some of which comprised of 2 to 3 subtopics. These topics covered all the major milestones of the first blessed decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah from 2003-2013. The project was an immense blessing on one hand and an equally immense responsibility on the other!

Participation of All Regions:

The Holy Prophet (May peace and blessings be on him) has said that: "Faithful believers are to each other as the bricks of a wall, supporting and reinforcing each other." (Al-Bukhāri)

In completing this project all Lajna Majālis across Canada became like bricks in a wall. All regions were assigned one specific topic including its subtopics, and necessary guidelines were provided in the beginning as well as at various stages of their work. Each region established its own research team to work on the topic assigned to them. Respected Sadr Sāhiba held special tele-meetings individually with almost all regional teams. Further guidance was provided on daily basis by emails and phone calls. Regional teams were coordinated by respective Regional Presidents. All regional teams not only worked with greet passion and utter commitment but also met all the timelines; which some time were pressing and stingy. Names of these regional teams are given at the end of every article or section.

After about two months, the research-phase entered into the writing-phase in which regional teams worked closely under the guidance of the National Ishā'at Department. Once the articles were compiled, the cross checks began along multiple lines such as reference checks, statistics checks, editing and translation.

Special National Team:

At this stage a special team worked at the National level. Geared by the Respected Sadr Sāhiba and steered by the National Secretary Ishā'at, this team worked on multifarious lines. They worked as writers, rewriters, editors, translators, references and statistics checkers, typists, composers and sometimes advisors. This team helped us at a stage when we needed manpower to push the caravan. With their literary, scholarly and masterly experience, they made valuable contributions in various ways.

The project was handed over to our regular Editorial team in May 2014 at a time when they had hardly taken a fresh breath after finishing the An-Nisaa' issue of January to April 2014. The workload for them was eight times greater as compared to the usual publication of an An-Nisaa' issue. Every member of the editorial team; editors and their assistants, composers, proof readers, graphic and lay-out team, worked with utmost dedication and commitment. Alongside their family and work commitments, they invested to their maximum and achieved the timelines at every stage. Masha'Allāh! May Allāh reward their efforts abundantly! In its final stage, the draft was reviewed by Respected Amīr Sāhib along with his team of dedicated and knowledgeable members. We are thankful to them from the bottom of our heart. Without their advice and guidance we would not have made it possible.

Lay out of Magazine:

The articles in this issue of An-Nisaa' have been grouped into various sections. All articles within a particular section share a common theme. Looking at the Table of Content, included in the beginning, will explain the themes of any particular section. Each section is divided by a divider-page which bears appropriate graphic work and captions of the theme.

Most of the topics have been covered both in English as well as in Urdu language. Only a few, however, are either in English or Urdu alone. The articles presented in both languages have different pictures and at times different material on various aspects of the same topic. Therefore, it will be useful to read through the entire magazine to get the best of what we have tried to deliver.

Abbreviations & Salutation:

In the table on the side are outlined the list of abbreviations and salutations that have been used on English side. It is being used as an interim standard by the Canada Jamā'at.

Name	Salutation in Arabic	Translation	As Superscript
The Holy Prophet Muhammad	Sallallaho 'alaihe wa Sallam	Peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him	Muhammad^{sa}
The Promised Messiah	' Alaihis-Salaam	May peace be upon him	Messiah^{as}
Hazrat Abu Bakr	Radhi-Allaho 'anho	May Allāh be pleased with him	Abu Bakr^{ra}
Hazrat Khadija	Radhi-Allaho 'anha	May Allāh be pleased with her	Khadija^{ra}
Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd	Radhi-Allaho 'anho	May Allāh be pleased with him	Musleh Mau'ūd^{ra}
Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV	Rahimahul-laho Ta'ala	May Allāh the Exalted have mercy on him	Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh}
Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V	Ayyadahul-laho Ta'ala	May Allāh be his helper	Khalīfatul-Masīh V^{aa}

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Amtul Qudoos Farhat
National Secretary Ishā'at
Lajna Imā'illah, Canada

A Note from the Editor

You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allāh. And if the People of the Book had believed, it would have surely been better for them. Some of them are believers, but most of them are disobedient. (3:111)

We, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, are the people of latter days; the community to which the above verse (3:111) refers to as the people raised for good. We have been chosen as the community, which has been blessed with the institution of Khilāfat as were the Muslims of early periods. We, indeed, are extremely fortunate to be members of a denomination which was divinely founded with the advent of the Promised Messiah[as], a subordinate prophet to the Holy Prophet[sa]; and which is still divinely guided through the system of Khilāfat. Many Muslims around the world are still awaiting the establishment of a Khilāfat—for some it will be a political system of governance while for others it will represent a spiritual authority. One such example is the creation of Islāmic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)s and its claim to Khilāfat (Caliphate), calling on all Muslims of the world to recognize it as an Islāmic state as well as a Khilāfat. Apart from the fact that a true Muslim can never imagine such violent and terrorist organization to be in any shape or form a representation of the system of Khilāfat; let us ponder on this concept.

What is a Khilāfat anyway? What does it mean for someone to be a Khalīfa. Khalīfa is an Arabic word, meaning "a successor, deputy or a vicegerent"; someone who takes over the mission of his predecessor. A "Khilāfat" is the dominion of a Khalīfa, or the institution that runs under the leadership of a Khalīfa. Thus, for a system of Khilāfat to be established, the claimant has to succeed a prophet or a previous successor. The truth of the matter is that no person or organization in today's age can claim to be true Khalifat. Khilāfat *Rashida* which was established after the demise of the Holy Prophet[sa] terminated after the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali[ra]; and only lasted for four periods of Khilāfat. This is not to say that there was no Khalīfa after Hazrat Ali[ra], but to indicate that Khilāfat established after the fourth Khalīfa was not a guided one. There were many periods of Khilāfat that came after the end of Khilāfat Rashida, but they were only symbolic ones or were just a form of political governance. The Holy Prophet[sa] himself had elucidated to that in a Hadīth. In the famous book of Ahadīth, Musnad Ahmad by Imām Ahmad bin Hambal, a Hadīth is narrated by Hazrat Huzaifa[ra] that the Messenger of Allāh[sa] said: **"Prophethood will remain among you as long as Allāh wills. Then Khilāfat on the lines of Prophethood shall commence, and remain as long as Allāh wills. Then corrupt/erosive monarchy would take place, and it will remain as long as Allāh wills. After that, despotic kingship would emerge, and it will remain as long as Allāh Wills. Then, the Khilāfat shall come once again based on the precept of prophethood."** (Masnad Ahmad bin Hanbal)

After a hiatus of 13 hundred years, the divinely-guided Ahmadiyya Khilāfat in Islām re-emerged in accordance with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet[sa] and of the Promised Messiah[as].

A point to note here is that we are going through the fifth period of Khilāfat after the Promised Messiah[as]; therefore, in a way, we Ahmadis are truly privileged that we are experiencing the first divinely guided Fifth Khilāfat (Khāmisah), which has never happened in the history of Islām before.

Ahmadiyya Khilāfat is not a political system; it needs no state or territory to claim the establishment of Khilāfat. Its purpose is to propagate and further the mission of the Promised Messiah[as]. The Ahmadiyya Khilāfat has conquered no land and possesses no earthly dominion, but it wields its influence over the hearts and minds of millions by winning over one man and one woman at a time. It is a force for good in the world, and exemplifies, once again, an institution grounded in the precepts of prophethood.

We must value this blessing which has been bestowed upon us. We are united under one Imām, and one leader. A leader who is our spiritual father; who stays up late at nights to pray for us; who worries for our moral and spiritual training; and whose mission is to create in us those human beings who have a relationship with Allāh, the Almighty. For this purpose, our every action must be in congruence with the wish and will of Khalīfa. We must be truly obedient, and do our utmost to fulfill our oath of allegiance to him. In truth, the love and affection which every Ahmadi feels for the Khalīfa, and vice versa, is created in the hearts by Allāh, the Almighty Himself. But this affection must not be superficial and temporary. It must be long lasting, and we must pass it on to our next generation. In this age and day, the divinely-appointed institution of Khilāfat, and Khalīfatul-Masīh in particular, is that *rope of Allāh* to which we must all hold on to, if we want to benefit from the favours of Allāh mentioned in the verse, "hold fast to the rope of Allāh" (3:104).

As women, who are the building blocks of any society, and Lajna members, who are mothers, our duty is two-fold. If we want to safeguard our future generations, we must instill the love of Khilāfat in the milk which we feed our children. They will hold fast to this rope and keep a connection with Khilāfat only if they see from a young age their parents as role models, giving importance to the institution of Khilāfat in their daily lives. Children should be taught the names of the Promised Messiah[as] and other Khulāfa', as well as their pictures. They should watch MTA and other Jamā'at programs and recognize that Huzoor[aa] is a Holy man. When they are older, they should be encouraged to build a personal relationship with Huzoor[aa] by writing letters to him. May Allāh enable us all to fulfill the pledge we made on the blessed occasion of Khilāfat centenary on May 27, 2008. Amīn.

In this special issue of An-Nisaa' the members of Lajna Imā'illah of Canada have made a humble efforts to summarize the monumental accomplishments, the Khalīfa of Islām has achieved, in the first ten blessed years of Khilāfat. Each day, and each accomplishment is a testament to the favours of Allāh upon Ahmadiyyat and Khilāfat Ahmadiyya. This special issue, in no way, is a complete compilation or record of everything that has been accomplished in the first 10 years of this blessed Khilāfat. It is merely our futile attempt to recapitulate the notable achievements. May Allāh accept this humble efforts of ours. Please remember everyone in your prayers, who has helped in any way and form to make this issue possible. May Allāh reward your efforts abundantly! Amīn!

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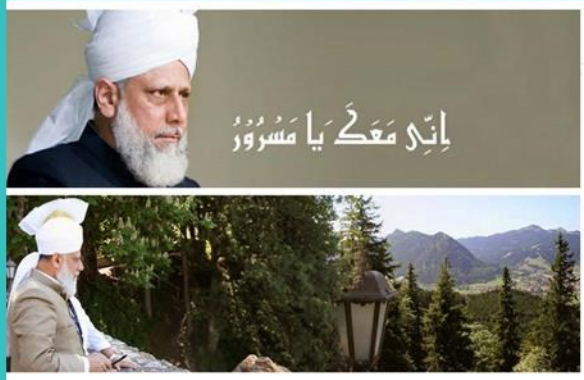

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad

Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper)

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Revelations of the Promised Messiah[as]

On January 3, 1907 the Promised Messiah[as] narrated a dream he had received in the last few days. Huzoor[as] said:

"In my dream I saw Sharif Ahmad, who was wearing a turban and there were two men standing near him. One of them pointing to Sharif Ahmad said:

وہ بادشاہ آیا **Here comes the King.**

The other one said:

ابھی تو اِس نے قاضی بننا ہے۔ **He has yet to be Qadi (Judge).**

The Promised Messiah[as] said: One meaning of Qadi is an arbitrator. Qadi is he who supports the truth and refutes falsehood."

[Badr, vol. 6, no. 1, 2, January 10, 1907, p. 3 and al-Hakam, vol. 11, no. 1, January 10, 1, 907, p. 1]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] made the following comments on the Promised Messiah's[sa] revelations in his Friday Sermon on December 12, 1997:

"Here I am reminded of another revelation. In a vision the Promised Messiah[as] said to Mirzā Sharif Ahmad[ra],

اب تو ہماری جگہ بیٹھ اور ہم چلتے ہیں (Now be seated in my seat and I shall go.)

Obviously, this was not fulfilled in Mirzā Sharif Ahmad[ra]... It was fulfilled in Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad... Whatever the Promised Messiah[as] saw about his son was fulfilled in the son of that son. Now that I have appointed Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, the son of Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad, as the Nāzir A'la and Local Amīr, I thought of the revelation as if the Promised Messiah[as] was saying that once again, 'be seated in my seat'... Now I ask the entire Jamā'at to pray for Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad, and thereafter, for Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, that Allāh the Almighty may make him a true heir. The subject of prophecy may be truly fulfilled in him and Allāh the Almighty may always guard and assist him." [Al Fadl International, London, January 30-February 5, 1998]

Later, on April 22, 2003, Allāh the Almighty elevated Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad to the august office of Khalīfatul-Masīh. In this way, the prophecy of the Promised Messiah[as] regarding his son becoming a King, a Qadi, and taking his (the Promised Messiah's[as]) seat was fulfilled in the personage of his great grandson, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad. Huzoor[aa], indeed, is a King, as he is the Leader of the Faithful; is a Judge, as he is the absolute authority on religious matters; and is the Fifth Successor to the Promised Messiah[as]; therefore taking his place!

(Source: Tadhkira, English Ed., Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrullah Khan[ra], rev. 2009; pg. 911; footnotes on pg. 953 – 955)

A Biography of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh V

(may Allāh be his Helper)

Source: Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, October 2008
Translated by: Ansa Talat, Woodbridge

A Messenger of Peace

Huzoor[aa] feeding birds during 2013 tour of Australia.

Family Background

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] belongs to the revered family of the Promised Messiah[as]. Hazrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīhith Thāni[ra], son of the Promised Messiah[as], is his maternal grandfather. Hazrat Syeda Mahmooda Begum Sāhiba (the eldest daughter of Hazrat Doctor Khalīfa Rasheeduddin Sahib[ra], who has the honour of being among the 313 companions of the Promised Messiah[as]) is his maternal grandmother. His paternal grandfather, Hazrat Mirzā Sharif Ahmad Sahib[ra], is also the son of the Promised Messiah[as].

Hazrat Mirzā Sharif Ahmad[ra]

Huzoor's[aa] paternal grandmother, Hazrat Bu Zainab Begum Sahiba[ra], is the eldest daughter of Hazrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sāhib of Malir Kotla, a prominent companion of the Promised Messiah[as]. Huzoor[aa] is the great grandson of the Promised Messiah[as].

The lineage of this revered family is the one about whom the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] had prophesied:

لو كان الايمان عند الثريا لناله رجل من هولاء

(Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitabut-Tafsir, Tafsir Surah al-Jumu'ah)

"That is, even if the faith were to ascend to the Pleiades, a man from among them [i.e. the people of Persia] would bring it back."

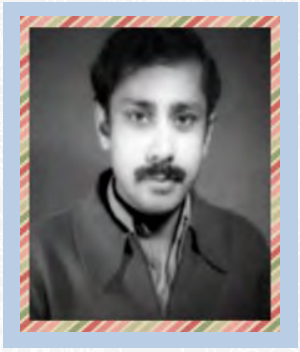
In a revelation of the Promised Messiah[as], Allāh called the members of this family by the title "Abnaye Faras" (Sons of Persia) and said, "O sons of Persia! strongly adhere to the Unity (of God)", which means that the Unity of God would be established through the efforts of the sons of Persia.

Pious Parents & Upbringing

The father of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], was Hazrat Sāhibzada Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad Sāhib, who was the former Nāzire A'lā (Chief Director), Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan. He was born on March 13th, 1911 and was the son of Hazrat Mirzā Sharif Ahmad Sahib[ra]. He served as Amīr Muqāmi (Local President) Rabwah for a long time. He passed away on December 10, 1997. Huzoor[aa]'s mother Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sāhiba was the daughter of Hazrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra], and was born on September 1911. Huzoor's[aa] parents got married on August 26, 1934. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd, Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra], had announced their Nikah on July 2, 1934.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Sāhib was born to Hazrat Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad Sāhib and Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sāhiba in Rabwah on

September 15, 1950. He is the youngest among his siblings, having two brothers and two sisters. His righteous parents brought him up and educated him in a pure and spiritual environment.



Having completed his matriculation from Ta'līmul Islām High School Rabwah, and Bachelor of Arts from Ta'līmul Islām College Rabwah, Huzoor[aa] studied in the Agriculture University Faisalabad for M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics. He completed his M.Sc. from the same university in 1976.

Marriage and Children

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Sāhib got married to Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba, daughter of late Sayed Daud Muzaffar Shah Sāhib and Sahibzadi Amtul Hakeem Sāhiba, on January 31, 1977. Their Walima reception was held on February 2nd, 1977. Allāh blessed them with a daughter, Sahibzadi Amatul Waris Fateh Sāhiba, wife of Fateh Ahmad Dahri Sāhib, and a son, Sāhibzada Waqas Ahmad Sāhib.

Our dear Imām served as a Waqif Zindagi (Life Devotee), in various capacities, for approximately seven and a half years in Ghana. This era of service ranges from 1977 to 1985.

Some Incidents from Huzoor[aa]'s life as a Waqif Zindagi

Complete Trust in Allāh

Hazrat Syeda Amatus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba, wife of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] writes: "We had newly arrived in Temale (Northern Ghana) when Waqas, who was only two days old, became sick with severe diarrhea. The doctors in the hospital were on strike those days, and would come from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm only during weekdays. There was no medical staff available after those hours, or on the weekends. Being in an unfamiliar place, with a flawed hospital system, and doctors on strike, we were greatly worried and concerned. It was hard to watch the suffering of such a small child. Farah, too, was also very young at that time. I had brought a medicine for her from Pakistan, which was quite strong and was not recommended for such a small baby by the doctors, but we were very anxious and worried at that time. Huzoor[aa] prayed to Allāh with complete trust in Him, applied a trace of that medicine to the finger of his right hand and let Waqas lick it. Waqas was extremely weak with diarrhea and was not taking milk at all. Huzoor[aa] said, "We do not know what Allāh has in store for us, but at least we will not regret that we did not try any cure." In a few minutes Waqas' condition became stable, and Allāh miraculously cured him of his illness. *All praise belongs to Allāh!*

Familiarity with Students

Abdur Razzaq Butt Sāhib, Murrabi Silsila (Ahmadiyya Missionary) narrates: "I used to accompany Mian Sāhib on most of the journeys in his car. When we were posted to Ghana, he had a large car in which two families could fit easily. I remember that once we were returning late from a meeting at headquarters; it was almost midnight, and our families were also with us. On the way, the rear tire of the car came off, rolling into the forest, and the car crawled to a stop. Mian Sāhib told me to stay there and said: 'I think there is a village behind those bushes. A boy from that village studies in my school. I will go and find him, and bring him here.' He went into the dark as there was no electricity, and returned in about forty five minutes along with that boy. I still marvel at that incident. After all, I was a teacher too. There were not

that many boys in Jāmi'a where I taught, but I could not recall the names of all the students. Huzoor[aa] not only knew the name of that boy from among his many students, but also the name of his village and its location, even in the darkness. That means, he knew about every student, and the environment in which he lived, though most of them were not Ahmadīs, but Christians. What a marvelous memory had Allāh given him!"

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 168-169)

Frugality and Farsightedness

Majeed Ahmad Bashir Sāhib writes: "Huzoor[aa] led a simple life. Once all the teachers gathered for a meeting in a city. Whenever we went to a big city, we used to go shopping in the big stores as our schools were far from the cities and it was difficult to visit often. The situation in Ghana was such that it was hard to find good products anyway. All of us went to a store where we found good quality stainless steel spoons. Some of the teachers bought 12 spoons, while others bought 18; however, Huzoor[aa] bought only 3 spoons. At the insistence of everyone to buy more, he replied that he only needed three."

"Farsightedness is evident in every matter of Huzoor's dealings. This is an incident from 1980 when Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[rh] came for the tour of Ghana. All of us had to reach Abori Garden so we left for the Eastern Region Mission House in the form of a convoy. I was in the car of Masood Ahmad Shams Sāhib and Lateef Sāhib was also with us. Mian Sāhib told us to lead the way as we were familiar with it. On the way, on a roundabout, we thought of having some fun and went around that roundabout twice. We were going to go for the third time when Mian Sāhib stopped his car on the side and said, 'Go ahead and finish your seven circuits; we would proceed after you have completed them.' He had immediately figured out that we wanted to have some fun and did not express any annoyance, but corrected us in a very friendly manner." (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 234, 235)

He has a great sense of humor; even though he did not talk much, he would make such a remark befitting the situation that people would burst out laughing.

Huzoor's[aa] Personality

Abdur Razzaq Butt Sāhib, Murabbi Silsila (Ahmadiyya Missionary) had the opportunity to serve as the Principal Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Ghana and Missionary for Temale. He relates in reference to the memories of Ghana: "The prayers of Mian Sāhib used to be fervent, and he seemed totally immersed in them. I have seen him offering long Sunnah and Nawafil in Baitudh Dhikr with great devotion even at his young age."

"The spirit of obedience to the Amīr was exemplary. He had no words of complaint despite the hardships of Africa. He used to admonish those who spoke against Amīr Sāhib. A particular practice that endeared Mian Sāhib to everyone was partaking of local foods. He used to eat the local dishes happily and never pointed out anything wrong with them. On several occasions I presented dishes made with local oil, which he ate happily whereas most foreigners did not like dishes prepared in that oil."

"Mian Sāhib always upheld the administrative system of Jamā'at (Nizām Jamā'at). Once I invited him for a meal, but he did not accept my invitation saying that the food had been arranged through Jamā'at; therefore, we would eat that. He used to treat office bearers and missionaries with such respect that sometimes we felt embarrassed. I cannot forget the time when, due to transport's unavailability, we had to spend a night near a lake. We did not know anyone in that area. We found only one bench; Mian Sāhib asked me to take that, and spent the major part of night walking up and down."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 268)

Return to Pakistan

Our beloved leader, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], came back to Pakistan from Ghana in 1985. He was appointed as Assistant Wakīl-ul-Māl Sani (Finance Administrator II) on March 17th, 1985. On June 18, 1994 he was given the post of Nāzir Ta'līm (Director of Education) Sadr Anjuman Ahmadīyaa. He acted as the Chairman of Nasir Foundation from 1994 to 1997 and, during this period, also served as the President Taz'een Rabwah (Beautification of Rabwah) Committee. He made personal efforts and supervised the task of expanding the Gulshan Ahmad nursery and beautification of Rabwah, wanting to transform Rabwah into a lush green city. On December 10, 1997 he was appointed as the Nāzir A'lā (Chief Secretary) and Amīr Muqami (Local Amīr); he held that position until his election as the Khalīfatul-Masīh. In August 1998 he was appointed as Sadr Majlis Karpardaz (President Management Body). While serving at the position of Nāzir A'lā (Chief Director), he also held offices for Nāzir Diyāfat (Hospitality), and Nāzir Zara`at (Agriculture). He served at the Qada Board (Judicial Board) from 1988 to 1995.

Along with all these responsibilities, Huzoor[aa] also fully participated in his respective auxiliary organization's activities. He was Muhtamim Sehat Jismāni (Organizer Physical Education) for Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Central. In 1984-85 he supervised Tajnid (Registration) Department. From 1985/86 to 1988/89 he was Supervisor for Foreign Branches, and in 1989-90 he served as Nā'ib Sadr (Vice President) Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Pakistan. In 1995, for Ansārullāh Pakistan, he undertook the duties of Qā'id Zahanat & Sehat-e-Jismani (Head of the Department of Intellectual and Physical Education), and Qā'id Ta'līmul Qur'ān (Head of the Department of Teaching of the Holy Qur'ān).

Incarceration for the sake of Allāh

Huzoor[aa] also had the honor of becoming a prisoner for the sake of Allāh in a case wrongfully registered against him. On November 17, 1998 a resolution was passed in the National Assembly of Pakistan that the name of the city of Rabwah should be changed to Chak Dhaggian, or some other name, in the official financial documents, and to forbid the use of a word from the Holy Qur'ān at an inappropriate place. (The word 'Rabwah' is mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān.)

Huzoor[aa] sitting in the jail cell

Consequently, the name of city of Rabwah was changed to Chenab Nagar. A few days later the plaque with the city name 'Chenab Nagar' was installed and the adversaries of Jamā'at were hoping for a disturbance with the name change of the city and its inauguration, but Jamā'at Ahmadiyya did not show any reaction, contrary to their expectations. To counter this, they filed a case under Section 295B of law against Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Sāhib, Nāzir A'lā, the local Amīr Rabwah, and a few others, and got them arrested for the crime of disrespect of the Holy Qur'ān. During the court hearing, Additional Session Judge, Chiniot, cancelled the temporary bails and sent all those arrested, including Hazrat Sāhibzada Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, to jail. He was arrested on April 30th, 1999 and released on May 10, 1999.

An incident during imprisonment

Mohammad Akbar Bhutta Sāhib writes: "One day Mian Sāhib inquired from me if we had received the Holy Qur'ān, Durre Sameen, Kalam Mahmood and Durre Adan or not? A letter had been sent to Shahid Sa`adi Sāhib, Nā'ib Nāzir Amur `Ama, requesting these books; two reminders had been sent. When I answered in negative, he asked me to write to the management that we would not accept any gifts until we received the Holy Qur'ān because that was the real gift. I wrote what he had said and sent the note to Sa`adi Sāhib."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 253-254)

"I have seen him offering long Sunnah and Nawafil in Baitudh Dhikr with great devotion even at his young age."

(Principal Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Ghana, Abdur Razzaq Butt)

Election of Khilāfat

April 19, 2003 was a very sad day in the history of Ahmadiyyat when Khalīfatul-Masīh IV's[rh] era of Khilāfat which spanned over twenty one years, came to its blessed end. It was an era full of maximum struggles and exceptional successes. It was the day when Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV's[rh] passed away, leaving his followers heartbroken.

The meeting of the Khilāfat Selection Committee was held on April 22, 2003 in Baitul Fazl London after the Maghrib and 'Isha prayers, and was presided by Chaudhry Hameedullah Sāhib Wakīl A'lā (In Charge of the Department of Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan. Allāh blessed Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] with Khilāfat at 11:40 pm London time. Members of Khilāfat Selection Committee were the first to pledge their allegiance at the hand of Huzoor[aa] and after that the whole world joined in the Bai'at through MTA.

Some Aspects of Character & Personality of Huzoor[AA]

Worship of Allāh

Ramzan Ahmad Tahir Sāhib relates: "I moved to Rabwah in March 1997 and became a tenant in the house of a sincere Ahmadī lady Sakina Bibi Sāhiba. One day Sakina Bibi Sāhiba told me an incident about herself. She said: I moved to Rabwah with four children in a desperate situation. We were going through a very hard time. Someone told me to go to Sāhibzada Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad's house; I was told that my problems would be solved there, so I went there."

"Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sāhiba gave me a job, fixed the salary, and I started working there. After a few days, one of her sons whose name is "Masroor Ahmad" told me to do a task for him as well. Sāhibzada Masroor Ahmad Sāhib was a student at that time. When I agreed, he gave me the duty of waking him up at 2:00 a.m. — this duty continued for a long time. I asked her if she got a chance to see what Mian Sāhib used to do when at that time. She replied: When I brought him milk, he would be busy offering Tahajjud (early-morning Prayer), and sometimes he would be sitting on the prayer rug and studying." (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor aa Number, pg. 277)

Taking Care of Parents

Sayed Nasir Daud Ahmad Sāhib, narrated an incident about Huzoor[aa] on the occasion of Jalsa Qādiān. He writes: "When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited Qādiān at Jalsa Sālāna Qādiān 2005, Huzoor's[aa] mother Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sāhiba also came to Qādiān from Pakistan. She was staying in the drawing room (called the *gole kamra*). One day she was carried upstairs on a chair to Hazrat Mian Wasim Ahmad Sāhib's house. Huzoor[aa] also came there and when she was carried down, he went with the people carrying her chair and instructed them. When going down the stairs of Bait Mubarak, direction of the chair was turned opposite to the slope so she could be carried down safely. However, going downstairs that way, her feet would keep hitting each step. Most of the time, there would be someone holding her feet up a little so they would not hit the stairs. On that particular day, only Huzoor[aa] was following them down the stairs. When her feet started hitting the stairs, Huzoor[aa] immediately bent down and held the feet of his mother and came down many stairs bending down and holding her feet. The effect of this scene was so captivating that it cannot be expressed in speech or writing."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 51)

A Great Lesson of Tauheed

Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba, wife of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] writes: "Our children attended a Christian Protestant school in Ghana, where students were given Christian education. Huzoor[aa] told our children that if a poem about Jesus[as] depicted him as a son of God or involved any aspect of Shirk (associating partners with Allāh), they were not to participate in that. It was customary to sing hymns in the assembly. The children received corporal punishment the very first day for not singing the hymns. Huzoor[aa] comforted the children, and explained to them that, come what may, they were not to sing that kind of poem. For three days the children were punished (beaten by sticks on their hands). On the fourth day, Huzoor[aa] went to the school and told the head teacher that we believe in the Unity of Allāh. We accept Jesus[as] as a prophet of Allāh, but not the son of God, so our children would not participate in singing the hymns. The Bible was included as a subject in the curriculum and it was mandatory. The head teacher told Huzoor[aa] that since it was a compulsory course, the children would fail by not participating in it. Huzoor[aa] told him that when writing about Jesus[as] as son of God, his children would write that it was the point of view of Christianity. The Head teacher agreed and allowed them not to recite the hymns. Huzoor[aa] solved this problem with wisdom and prudence, and this was the first lesson about the Unity of God that he gave to his children."

Respect and Reverence for Khalīfatul-Masīh

Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba further writes: "He has extreme respect and reverence for Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]. Once they were talking on the phone when, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad unconsciously bowed his head with respect. Someone asked who was on the phone; he replied that it was Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]."

A photo of the International Bai'at in 1997. Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad sits opposite to Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[aa]

Following the Sharī'a

Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba writes: "A colonel used to live in our neighborhood in Ghana. One day he sent a bottle of liquor to keep in the refrigerator, but Huzoor[aa] refused to do so. He became angry and came to our house, knocking at the door loudly. Huzoor[aa] opened the door, invited him in, and offered him a seat. He asked the reason of his anger. The colonel asked what harm was there in keeping a sealed bottle in the refrigerator. Huzoor[aa] replied: Our Prophet Muhammad[sa] has said that those who drink alcohol, or encourage others to drink, extract/make alcohol, or keep it or sell it, all belong to hell. Now you decide yourself whether I would want to be a resident of hell? The answer is: Of course not. This made him understand and he left after apologizing."

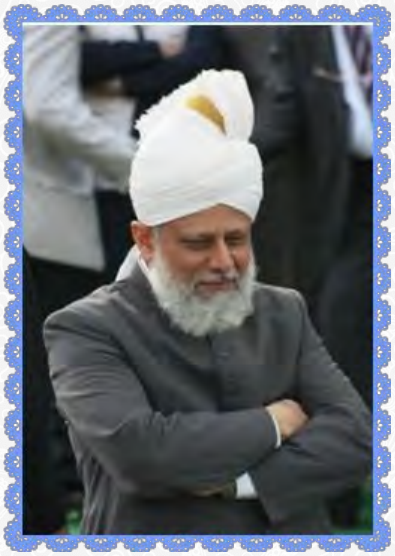
A rare picture of Huzoor[aa] with Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]

Advice for Patience

Contemplating all aspects silently and then making a firm decision was a characteristic of Huzoor[aa]. A teacher commenting on that trait said that "although Huzoor[aa] seemed quiet, but he was very observant. Huzoor[aa] does not have the habit of expressing his emotions, but he always has and still does take care of every relationship deeply and quietly. When I used to become worried due to some hardships or difficult situations, he would always advise me: Be patient and engage in prayers. You will see how Allāh would shower you with His blessings.

He always comforted me at the time of need. He never told me that I was wrong and never showed annoyance towards anyone. When he was offended by someone he used to recite the verse: Should I also become mean by acting like you?"

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 18, 19)



Generosity

Sayed Qasim Ahmad Shah Sāhib, Nāzir Umūr Kharjiyya (In Charge Foreign Affairs) writes: "He is so generous that he does not care about himself. One of our workers wanted to take a loan of fifteen thousand rupees for his daughter's wedding and was asking me to endorse his request. He wrote a letter to Huzoor[aa] for prayers, and Huzoor[aa] sent fifty thousand rupees for expenses."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 43)

Safeguarding Jamā'at's Funds

Malik Munawar Ahmad Javaid Sāhib Nā'ib Nāzir Daruz Ziyāfat (Deputy In-Charge of Guest House) writes: "We used to get wheat from Hazrat Sāhibzada Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad Sāhib, and continued getting it from him when he became Nāzir A'lā. We still get our wheat from there by sending our workers and weighing it. Once we purchased wheat when it was Huzoor's first year on the post of Nāzir A'lā. Some of the wheat was not of as good quality as we required, so I thought that its rate should also be lowered. However, I was nervous about discussing that with Mian Sāhib. On one hand he was the Nāzir Ziyāfat (In Charge Hospitality) and Nāzir A'lā (Chief Director), and on the other hand there was the matter of Jamā'at's funds. One day I went to Mian Sāhib and expressed my concerns about the quality of wheat and the payment. Huzoor[aa] said: I am Nāzir Ziyāfat now; therefore, it is you who has to take the decision, but remember that there should be no loss to Daruz Ziyāfat (Jamā'at's Guest House). I would accept any decision that you make, but the guest house should not sustain any loss. I came back, deducted the amount from the payment based on the quality of wheat, and took the cheque of the remaining amount to Mian Sāhib. When I tried to explain about the payment, Mian Sāhib stopped me and said that whatever I had decided must be right. That reply left a deep impression on me. Any other person would have asked me to make the full payment, but Mian Sāhib gave preference to saving Jamā'at's funds over his personal loss."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 138)

"He would help me in household chores, and also used to bring water from outside." Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba

A Great Trait

Sayed Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib, Nāzir Islāh-o-Irshād Markazia (In Charge of the Central Department of Reformation and Guidance) writes: "I feel that one of the great characteristics of Huzoor[aa] is that he would give credit to his fellow workers for the good work; however, in case of some mistake, he would himself take the blame and the responsibility. It happened many times that some error was made by his subordinates, but the report to Hazrat Khilāfatul Masīh IV[rh], would contain the name of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad. He always gave the credit of good work to his co-workers."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 25, 26)

Working Hard

Hazrat Syeda Amtus Sabooh Begum Sāhiba writes: "Even before Khilāfat, Huzoor[aa] Anwar's life was devoted to the service of religion and his days and nights used to be spent in religious activities. Apart from his office routine, he also used to take interest in household matters, giving full cooperation. He was Manager in Ahmadiyya Agricultural Farm Temale when he carried out the successful experiment of growing wheat in Ghana. We stayed for two years in Temale for

agricultural farming. Temale is the Regional Head Quarter of Northern Region. Sometimes Huzoor[aa] would spend two or three nights in the huts of local people during planting and harvesting season, without any complaint. In fact he would help me in household chores, and also used to bring water from outside."

"There was always shortage of water in Ghana. We had a tank outside which used to be filled by a tanker. There were big plastic drums in the kitchen and wash room. After morning prayers, Huzoor[aa] used to fill water in the drums with buckets. Even when he had urgent work, he never told me to fill up the drums myself. Whenever I fell sick, he took over the responsibility of cooking and fully helped me in teaching the Holy Qur'ān to children."

"After he was appointed as Khalīfa, I was not feeling well one day, and had a severe headache, Huzoor[aa] prepared breakfast for me first, and then made his own breakfast before leaving for the office. Even now, with an extremely busy life, he would do things like arranging flowers in the vases, maintaining plants, etc."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 14-22)

During Travel

Sayed Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib, Nāzir Islāh-o-Irshād Markazia (In Charge of Central Department of Reformation and Guidance) further writes: "Huzoor[aa] often used to visit Sindh. Despite the long journey, he did not get tired and used to start working immediately after reaching his destination. During the journey, he used to look after his companions and showed such hospitality that travel in his company was a very special experience. During the trip to Sindh, many times he himself prepared very delicious food."

"Once we were going to Sindh by car and had to spend the night in Dera Ghazi Khan. Local members of Jamā'at sent a car for security purposes to follow Huzoor's[aa] car. That car bumped his car from behind and the number plate was broken. I thought that most certainly he would say something to them, but Huzoor[aa] just got out of his car smiling, checked the damage, and went back to his car."

"Many people used to visit him on these trips and talked about different things but he never got angry and used to quietly listen to everyone. However, if someone spoke against the institution of Jamā'at, he would immediately stop them. Once some people in Sindh spoke against the Jamā'at and Huzoor[aa] admonished them so strictly that they were shaken; later they came and asked for forgiveness."

"During the travel, he used to take care of such small things that an ordinary person would never think of. He always made an effort to reach the destination on time and not to be late."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 26)

'Will Meet You in Germany'

Mirzā Abdus Samad Sāhib Secretary Majlis Karpardaz (In Charge of works related to Bahishtī Maqbara and associated accounts) writes: "When I went to attend the London Jalsa in 2003, I wanted to go to Germany Jalsa as well, but I did not have the visa for Germany. Hazrat Sāhib said that Insha'Allāh you would get the visa. The situation was such that Germany had stopped the visa process and declared that visas would not be issued from London for Germany; they required the visa from Pakistan. Jamā'at Germany was making efforts to resolve that issue. When Huzoor[aa]'s convoy was about to leave, I was there to say farewell to Huzoor[aa]. I had not received the visa for Germany yet, but Hazrat Sāhib saw me and said: 'Insha'Allāh we will meet you in Germany.' At that time there was no hope of getting a visa, but this sentence of Huzoor[aa] made me believe that, God willing, I would certainly get it. When I went to the visa office in London, there was a woman at the counter who said that she would issue me the visa

from 28th. I told her that Jalsa dates were 23, 24, 25, but she refused and insisted on 28th. I refused and said that I only needed it for the dates of the Jalsa, but she declined. We came out from there and went to Canadian visa department, but they also refused. We came back to the previous room where another man was talking to the same woman. He came to tell us that she was calling us. She asked, 'You have come back, have you changed your mind? Do you agree to get the visa from 28th?' I said, 'No, I have the same request. We need the visa for 23, 24, and 25 because we have booked our flight for those dates.' She agreed, took the documents from us, made photocopies and stamped the visa. I was hundred percent confident that I would get the visa because of the way Hazrat Sāhib said, 'I will meet you in Germany.' So, we got the visa till the 8th. After that we attended the Jalsa of France as well. Allāh made the words of Huzoor[aa] come true."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 46, 47)

Witnessing a Miracle

Basharat Naveed Sāhib, Murabbi Silsila (Missionary-in-Charge) Mauritius writes: "On the first day of Huzoor's[aa] visit to Mauritius, Huzoor[aa] came out of his residence to go to Baitul Zikr for offering Zuhr and 'Asr prayers. The convoy was ready to leave. When the Khuddām on duty tried to open the electronic main gate with the remote control, in spite of all efforts, it would not open. Finally the Khuddām started trying to break the gate but could not succeed in that too. Huzoor[aa] came out of the car and asked for the remote. **As soon as Huzoor[aa] pressed the remote button, the gate opened. A Hindu police officer exclaimed that he had heard about miracles but saw it 'live' with his own eyes for the first time!"**

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 282)

Respect of Elders

Mohammad Akbar Ahmad Sāhib Afsar Khazana (Officer Treasury) writes about an incident when the central convoy was going from Rabwah to Lahore airport on the occasion of the demise of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]: "During the journey, the convoy stopped at Sukhaiki service station for a break. Sāhibzada Mirzā Khurshid Ahmad Sāhib, presently Nāzir A'lā (Chief Secretary) and Amīr Muqami (Local Amīr), and Sāhibzada Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad Sāhib, Nāzir Dewan, were in Hazrat Sāhib's car. People were still having tea when Sāhibzada Mirzā Khurshid Ahmad Sāhib told the members of the convoy to leave immediately because there still was a lot of distance to be covered before reaching Lahore. Huzoor[aa] left his cup of tea and got ready to leave immediately. At that time Huzoor[aa] was Nāzir A'lā and Amīr Muqami (Chief Secretary and Local Amīr) but showing respect for the advice from elders, he put down his cup right away and ordered everyone to leave immediately."

(Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, pg. 134)

A Gesture of Kindness

Abdul Quddus Qamar Sāhib had the opportunity of serving in the Department of Baitul Māl Sani (The Second Office of Finance Department) for more or less 9 years in the company of Hazrat Mian Sāhib. He writes: "One day in the office, Mian Sāhib asked me the program for the next day. I replied that I would come to the office. He told me to wait for him at home as he was also going to Faisalabad the next day. The next day he came to my house at the fixed time and we left for Faisalabad. First we went to the Agricultural University, then to the Ayub Agriculture Farm where he checked a plant. We came back at around 2:00 pm. When we reached Faisalabad, Mian Sāhib remarked that I must be hungry. I did not say anything, but the driver said, 'Mian Sāhib, I am very hungry.' So we entered the Kachehri Bazar of

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(Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V'saa first address after becoming Khalīfa)

Faisalabad and stopped at a fried fish shop where Huzooraa asked for fish and naan. I said that I could not eat fish but would get pakoras for myself. He insisted that I eat fish that day. After I brought fish, we left for Rabwah. On the way he asked to stop the car at a small restaurant and asked me to get some tea. When I came back after ordering tea, I saw that he had removed the bones from the fish and putting it on half a naan, asked me to eat it. I still remember his kindness and thoughtfulness. Allāh had put affection for others in his heart and he used to take care of the well-being of workers like us."

"In another incident I recall that once I had to go to the city of Jhang with my mother. I wrote an application for leave and went to Mian Sāhib to recommend it for approval. Afterwards I took the application to Wakīlul Māl Sāhib (In Charge Finance) and got it endorsed. Later Mian Sāhib called me and asked how I was traveling. I replied that I would go from Rabwah to Chiniot, and then from there to Jhang. Insha'Allāh I would reach Jhang by 10:00 am, and would come back home by the evening after finishing my work. He told me, "Wait for me at home. I have to go to Jhang also; we will go together." We waited at home and the car arrived at exactly 8 am. I got in the car with my mother and we departed for Jhang. When we got near the city, he asked, "Where do you have to go?" I said that we had to go to the office of the Fauji Foundation. He turned the car in that direction and after getting there asked me, "How long will it take you?" I humbly told him that we would travel back ourselves. He told me, "Wait for me here; I will be back in half hour." After exactly thirty one minutes, the car was there. We got into the car and left for Rabwah. Even now I ask myself if Mian Sāhib really had something to do in Jhang that day and he asked us to accompany him, or it was sympathy for a poor worker that he wanted to save him the trouble of traveling in that heat?" (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masrooraa Number, pg. 271, 272)

Blessed Tahrīkaat

Tahrīk for Prayers

The first Tahrīk that Huzooraa initiated after becoming Khalīfa was the Tahrīk for prayers. Huzooraa said: "I have only one request for the members of Jamā'at, and that is to concentrate on prayers, concentrate on prayers, and concentrate on prayers. Pray abundantly, pray abundantly, pray abundantly. May Allāh provide us support and success and this procession of Ahmadiyyat continue to proceed towards progress and advancement. Amīn."

(Weekly Al Fadl International, April 25 to May 1, 2003)

Tahrīk of prayers for 100 year Jubilee of Ahmadiyya Khilāfat

In the Friday Sermon delivered on May 27, 2005, Huzooraa said: "In three years, 100 years of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya shall have completed. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IIIrh, before the completion of 100 years of establishment of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, had appealed for certain prayers to be recited abundantly. I also encourage you to recite those prayers. After the demise of Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūdas, Hazrat Nawab Mubarka Begum Sāhiba saw in

a dream that Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd[as] came and told her to recite this prayer in abundance.

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَّ ثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِيْنَ

Also, recite Istaghfār; and then, recite Darud abundantly. In the next three years every Ahmadī should pay special attention towards these:

- Offer two Nawafil daily for the progress of Jamā'at, and for the establishment and stability of the Ahmadiyya Khilāfat;
- Observe optional fast every month, and with the intent of praying for continuation of the institution of Khilāfat in Jamā'at Ahmadiyya."

(Friday Sermon; May 27, 2005)

Tahrīk of Including Ahmadī Children in Waqf Jadīd

In the context of Waqf Jadīd, I say to Ahmadī mothers that you have this spirit of sacrifice of donating your jewelry because of the pious upbringing you received from your parents. Thus Ahmadī mothers should include their children in Waqf Jadīd so they develop the habit of paying chanda (donation). Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[ra] had given the responsibility of Waqf Jadīd to children in Pakistan and Pakistani children should donate in this scheme with special interest. Huzoor[aa] also announced the inauguration of the fifth office of Tahrīk Jadīd. (Mash`al Raah, Volume 5, part 2, page 154)

Tahrīk of Higher Education for Children

"It is the right of our children to get education, and for this purpose, no effort should be spared. I ask parents, mothers and fathers, whether educated or illiterate, to pay special attention towards the education of their children. We cannot have it any other way. The objective of having children should not only be that they would support their parents in future or help them in farming, etc., but the purpose should be to render the rights of children by providing proper upbringing and education." (Daily Al Fadl, April 23, 2004)

Tahrīk to Waqfīn Nau to Learn Languages

"Waqfīn Nau (especially girls) who have reached the age of maturity and also have the inclination and capability to learn languages should gain such proficiency in the languages they are learning, e.g. English, Arabic, Urdu or local languages of their country, that they may be able to translate the books and literature of Jamā'at." (Friday Sermon, June 18, 2004)

Advice to Children

Raise the Standards of Your Morals and Your Worship:

"Thus, make special efforts and be very mindful in this respect. May Allāh make you Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya in the true sense of the word; may you not be restricted to just raising slogans, singing anthems and pledges but, in reality, demonstrate what an Ahmadī Khādim should be like. In future, those who are children now, and younger Khuddām, will have to undertake the responsibilities, as the Jamā'at continues to spread, Insha'Allāh. The Jamā'at will advance Insha'Allāh, but if you do not make these changes in you, you will feel helpless in your local branches. With the spread of Jamā'at, the responsibilities

of Khuddām are also going to increase in future.

So realize this responsibility, recognize your status and if you realize your status and responsibility, the adversaries will never be able to eliminate Ahmadiyyat despite all their actions. The opponents will never be able to harm Ahmadiyyat, despite all their means. Thus, Ahmadī youth and children raise the standards of your acts of worship and also raise the standards of your moral values. Allāh enable you to do this". (Monthly "Khālid" November, 2004)

Embrace the Habit of Truthfulness

"Another basic thing is truthfulness, and I have talked about it many times. Every Ahmadī, young or old, should try to embrace the habit of truthfulness. Make up your mind from childhood that you have to speak the truth and not to adopt falsehood in any shape, even jokingly. The Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] has said: ***If you tell someone that you are holding something in your fist, and on opening your hand there is nothing there, that too is falsehood. Do not lie even that much. Try to learn to speak the truth from childhood***. The Holy Prophet[sa] also said: If you give up the habit of telling lies, all bad habits will disappear. If you always stay firm upon truth, you will develop good habits only and no evil will take root in your hearts". (Mash`al Raah Volume 5, Part 2, page 180)

Three Points to Remember

"**For the children of Rabwah, my advice is to follow the three things that I have said: Firstly, make it a practice to greet by saying Salām. Secondly, go to the mosques frequently and try to take your elders along too. Thirdly, grow more plants in Rabwah. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] wished for every home in Rabwah to have three fruit bearing trees; therefore, we should abide by his wishes. Further, acting upon the wishes of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra], we should make efforts regarding greening of Rabwah outside our home too."**

(Daily Al Fadl, June 10, 2003)

Study Hard

"As I have said before, you do acquire worldly education any way, and strive for it; however, children who do not work very hard, should apply their full efforts to acquire both the secular and religious education. Process of learning both worldly and religious education should continue so that you become knowledgeable about the world, and you can tell the world about the true teachings of Islām, and the best and correct ways of reaching Allāh. For these purposes, it is very important to seek both types of education". (Mash`al Raah Volume 5, Part 2, page 181)

Always Obey Your Parents

"The most important thing for you is to obey your parents. Some children have the habit of being wilful and stubborn. I have noticed even some youth of thirteen fourteen years of age, who sometimes carry on with their demands of buying certain type of clothes. If the parents do not have the means to buy those things, the children should not be insisting upon their demands. Always obey your parents. Take care of them and never become the cause to hurt them. The divine command for us is to serve your parents to the best of your ability. Follow whatever they tell you to do in all the good things they want you to do. There is also a command that if parents insist on something that is against religious injunctions, then do not obey them. No Ahmadī parent can ask you to do something against the religion. No parent will tell you not to say prayers. This means the only exception when you should not listen to your parents is when they tell you to go against the religion, which cannot be the case with Ahmadī parents. Therefore, obey them and do good deeds. If in certain matters they tell you to do

something in a specific way, obey them. If they stop you from going out to play for some reason, don't go. Meaning, whatever your parents tell you, you have to follow and it is very important to obey the parents". (Mash`al RaahVolume 5, Part 2, page 181-182)

Dear readers! Our beloved Huzoor[aa] comes to meet us many times in a week on MTA; sometimes he appears in Gulshan Waqf Nau and sometimes in the meeting with the students of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya U.K. Most important of all is the Friday Sermon delivered by Huzoor[aa] to provide guidance and directions to the whole world. **When an exalted, blessed and extremely busy person shares so much of his time with us, we must then too participate regularly in the programs of Huzoor[aa] broadcasted on MTA, and thus prepare ourselves for the service Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.** Undoubtedly, those who participate in the blessed programs of Allāh's Khalīfa are also rewarded with Allāh's countless blessings. May Allāh enable us to become the true and obedient follower of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa], Amīn!

Source: Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, October 2008

Note: The titles and designated posts do not have an official English translation. The translated title in brackets is only to provide a general explanation of the nature of the designation. For example, Murabbi Silsila (Ahmadiyya Missionary).

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]; First Wave to Ahmadī Muslims gathered at Islāmabad, Tilford, England - April 23, 2003

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] offering Salat, wearing the blessed coat of the Promised Messiah[as], July 30, 2005.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] with some African Kings.

The First Address of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper)

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], delivered a brief address in Urdu before the inaugural pledge of allegiance and initiation at the gathering at Islāmabad, Tilford, Surrey on 23 April 2003 and the funeral prayers of Hazrat Mirzā Tahir Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]. Its English translation is set out below.

(Source: Review of Religions, April 2003)

'In the Name of Allāh, the Gracious, the Merciful'

Dearest community of the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace. O Evergreen extensions of his being:

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuhu

Our hearts are saddened and our eyes are tearful because a most loving personality has departed from us. However, we submit to the Divine Command of:

'All that is on it (earth) will pass away.' [55: 27]

The spectacular advancement of the Jamā'at (community) we witnessed during the Fourth Khilāfat warrants no explanation. Pursuant to the method taught to us by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV (Allāh have mercy on him), on how to bid farewell to the one departing and to welcome the incoming one, I stand here today and in its compliance, request you that we make a pledge that, **'O you, the one who has departed—the swiftness you employed to advance the mission of the Promised Messiah[as] to enable the faith of the Holy Prophet[sa] to dominate the world – we shall always continue to make sacrifices, all kind of sacrifices, for the advancement of this mission. We bear witness that you most certainly honoured your commitment. May thousands of blessings and grace be on your soul. Amīn!'**

Next, in welcoming the incoming [Khalīfa], we make a pledge bearing witness to Allāh the Exalted that in order to convey the message of peace and security of the Holy Prophet[sa] to the world and to assemble the entire world under his banner, and likewise to support the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Khilāfat, we shall be ready to make any sacrifice. For this, we will always support you [the Khalīfatul-Masīh] with prayers. Pray that Allāh the Exalted displays more than before the Second Manifestation of Divine support and triumph that He has always exhibited to the Community. May He forgive our shortcomings and ingratitude and may He cover our inadequacies. With His grace alone, indeed with His grace alone, may He cover my shortcomings. May He never remove His hand of mercy from us, never remove it, never remove it! Amīn, Ya Rabbul 'AalAmīn!

On the Left:
International Bai'at at the hands of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], Islāmabad, Tilford, Surrey, England—April 23, 2003

On the Right:
First Address by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]—April 23, 2003

The Defender of Islām

By: Dania Mansoor Bajwa

The fire
The destruction of the world
Humanity
And peace as we know it
Has been set ablaze
Burning the harmony
That was once alive and growing
Said to be fueled by the very Islām
We preach as beautiful
Why?
Well, let's find the source of this fire
The match that was lit
And the answer will be clearer than the thick, black smoke
Of the fire
Residing in everyone's hearts

The bombs and bloodshed
And the match is lit
The violence and aggression
And the fire starts
People yelling
People killing
People dying
And the fuel is Islām?
This is what has been taught to us
In the Holy Qur'ān?
By the Holy Prophet Mohammad Mustafa[sa]?
No

But the fire *still* spreads
And we are all choking
And crying

Until someone comes
Someone who smothers the flame
With his purity, faith, and love for Islām
The true Islām
The Champion
The Defender of Islām
Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]

The one who stands up to those who
Mock the teachings of our Holy Prophet[sa]
And who ridicule the words of the Holy Qur'ān
Yet *still* remains free of violence and anger
Dealing with those problems with peace:
The real essence of Islām

The one who lives to spread the true teachings of Islām
With his Friday Sermons
And intellectual speeches
That cleanse our hearts
From the black smoke of the fire

That he has finally quenched...

Blessed Beginning of the Fifth Period of the Second Manifestation

This is the translation of an article written by Maulana Dost Muhammed Shahid Sāhib, a renowned historian of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, which appeared on April 25, 2003 in the daily Al Fadl, a couple days after the Election of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa].

Imām of this age, the Promsied Messiah[as], Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian writes in his booklet, Al-Wasiyyat, giving the glad tiding of the Second Manifestation (Khilāfat):

"**So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement."** (The Will, English Ed., 2005; pg. 7)

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] elaborated on this glad tiding on September 8, 1950, when delivering the first Friday Sermon in the newly-built Mosque at Victoria Road, Magazine Lane in Karachi:

"The Promised Messiah[as] has said that when I leave, God will send the Second Manifestation for you. But our God has not only the Second Manifestation, but HE possess the Third and Fourth Manifestations as well. After the First Manifestation, appeared the Second Manifestation! And until Allāh, the Almighty has propagated this community in the entire world, the Third Manifestation will come after the Second Manifestation; and after the Third Manifestation will come the Fourth Manifestation; and following that will appear the Fifth Manifestation and then shall come the Sixth Manifestation. And the Hand of God Almighty will continue showing this miracle; and even the most influential Kings will not be able to stand in the way of this scheme and purpose for which He made the Promised Messiah[as] as the first brick of the foundation. The Holy Prophet[sa] once said, that once faith would be in danger, Allāh will appoint some men from the people of Persia to stand for its protection. The Promised Messiah[as] was one from among these people. And I am one of those people as well. But the word *Rijal* (men) may mean that there are other people from Persia, who would stand to uphold the esteem of the Faith, and make it's foundations firm." (Al Fadl, September 8, 1950, pg. 6, column 4)

A few days after this soul-rousing address, our beloved Imām Syedna Hazrat Sāhibzada Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khaliftul Masīh V[aa] was born on September 15, 1950. (Hand-written notebook of Maulana Abdur-Rehman Anwar, Former Private Secretary of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh, pg. 9; unpublished). And since, this beloved child was to become one of those people for whom the words *Rijal min Faris*, or the People of Persia is used, he was named Masroor Ahmad, which is one of the revealed names of the Promised Messiah[as]. In December of 1907, it was revealed to the Promised Messiah[as],

"I am with you and with all your dear ones. I am with you O Masroor."

"The revealed statements in Arabic that appear afterwards, in those too, Allāh the Almighty has promised that they will be shown the signs in heavens as well." (Badr, 19th Decemember, 1907, pg. 4-5; Al-Hakam, 24 December, 1097, pg. 4; Tadhkira, Ed. 4; pg.744)

In this regard, the way Allāh's decree has manifested, its mention is also found in the revelations vouchsafed to the Promised Messiah[as] on April 21, 1903. (Note here

that it was on April 21, 2003 that the announcement of the Election of Khilāfat to be held on April 22 was repeatedly broadcast by Maulana Ataul Majeeb Rashid Sāhib on MTA, and also published in Al Fadl.) Nonetheless, the sacred revelation of the Promised Messiah[as] published in newspaper Al Hakam dated April 24, 1903 (a century ago) on page 12 reads as follows:

"This matter has been decided in the Heaven. It is not to be changed."

Afterwards, in the last 10 days of the month of April in 1903, there were numerous revelations received by the Promised Messiah[as], which foretold of the futuristic events, with one majestic revelation professing good omens, received on April 30, 2003:

"In this is the beneficence for all the World."

(Al Badr, May 8, 1903, pg 122; Tadhkira, pg. 471)

The first proof of this new revolutionary period of Khilāfat is Huzoor[aa]'s first International Bai'at which was broadcasted live through MTA—indeed this has never happened in the history of the Second Manifestation ever before.

In the end, it is indispensable for me to mention that the booklet "The Will" is like a Constitution for the spiritual system of the Second Manifestation. We should always be undertaking its study. Two excerpts from this historic booklet are presented below. In the first excerpt, the purpose of the heavenly system of the Second Manifestation are highlighted; while in the second one, not only the international Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is reminded of its core duties, but the grand victory of the Community is also prophesized. The Promised Messiah[as] says:

"God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers. And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you should work in harmony with one another." (The Will, English Ed., 2005; pg. 9)

He further says: "I truly say to you that you will become a chosen people of God. You, too, are human as I am human and that very God Who is mine is yours. So don't lay waste your noble capacities. Look! If you fully incline towards God, then be reminded—and I say it in accordance with the will and pleasure of God—that, you shall become His chosen people. Let the Greatness of God take root in your hearts; and acknowledge His Unity not just with your tongues but also with your actions, so that God, too, practically shows His Mercy and Kindness to you. Refrain from malice and treat human beings with true compassion. Adopt each and every path of righteousness for who knows from which of these paths you will be accepted?

"Rejoice and be happy that the field of achieving nearness to God is vacant. Every nation is in love with the world and to what pleases God the world pays no attention. Now is the time for those who wish to enter this door that they, mustering all their strength, show their mettle and win the much coveted prize from God. Don't think that God will let you go to waste. You are the seed which the Hand of God has sown in the earth. God says that this seed will grow and flower and its branches will spread in all directions and it will become a huge tree. So, blessed is one who believes in what God says and does not fear the trials which he suffers in His path. For, the coming of trials is essential so that God may try you to see who is true in his declaration of Bai'at and who is false. Whoever falters in the face of a trial would do no harm to God whatsoever and ill-luck would only land him in hell. Were he not born, it would have been better for him. But all those who remain steadfast till the end—they will be shaken with quakes of calamities, and battered with storms of misfortune, ridiculed and mocked by people, and hated and reviled by the world—shall at last come out victorious. And doors of Blessings shall be thrown open for them."

(The Will, English Ed., 2005; pg. 11-12)

Section No. 2

Reaching out to Communities around the World

In this section:

Tours Undertaken by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^aa of Various Countries Around the World from 2003 —2013

Meetings of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^aa with Various World Dignitaries from 2003 —2013

Tours undertaken by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper)

of Various Countries around the World from 2003-2013

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Since being elected to the blessed office of Khilāfat, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa has visited many countries around the globe for the purpose of propagation of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islām; and for the spiritual training and uplifting of the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. In this essay below, we describe briefly, the visits undertaken by Huzooraa in the first ten years of his Khilāfat, from year 2003 till 2013.

2003

First Visit of Europe: Germany, Belgium, France and Holland

In August 2003, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa undertook the tour of Germany and France by road, and stopped at Belgium and Holland, from August 23, 2003 to September 10, 2003. The main purpose of this blessed journey was to address the 28th Annual convention of Germany being held from August 22nd – 24th, 2003, and to meet the members who live in large number in these countries. Huzooraa then travelled to France and attended the Annual Convention of France from September 5 - 7, 2003.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmadaa)

Huzooraa at Jalsa Sālāna, France in 2003.

2004

West African Countries: Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin and Nigeria

On March 13, 2004 Huzooraa embarked upon the historic four week tour of four West African Countries: Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin and Nigeria. Huzooraa graced the Annual Conventions of all four countries and addressed large gatherings attended by thousands of people. This was a historic occasion when for the first time the addresses by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh were broadcast live on MTA International from the land of Africa. During this epic tour, many eminent personalities of African countries including the heads of states, ministers, parliamentarians, and paramount chiefs had audience with Huzooraa and attended the receptions given in his honour. Huzooraa consistently attracted large crowd during this tour, and tremendous show of welcome greeted him everywhere.

In Ghana on March 15, 2004, the President of Republic of Ghana personally welcomed Huzooraa in the country. The President also attended the annual convention and addressed the crowd.

In Burkina Faso, the Prime Minister and President met Huzooraa on March 26, 2004. Huzooraa also met with

the Minister of Health on April 3, 2004 and inaugurated the Ouagadougou Hospital. (Weekly Al Fadl International, April 16, 2004)

Huzoor[aa] speaking to the National TV and Radio shortly after arriving in Ghana.

In Benin, it was the first ever tour of a Khalīfa to the Republic of Benin. On April 6, the President invited Huzoor[aa] to his Palace and exchanged thoughts on the matters of mutual interest. Huzoor[aa] also laid a foundation stone of an Ahmadiyya Hospital at Parakou on April 7th. Huzoor[aa] delivered an address at Cotnou to the University of Benin's students on the topic of "Islām, a Peaceful Religion." (Weekly Al Fadl International, April 16, 2004)

Throughout this visit, the officials readily acknowledged the educational, social as well as spiritual services rendered by the movement to their respective countries. The newspapers, radio and television gave wide coverage of Huzoor's[aa] visit. Indeed, this journey was a tremendous success in many respects. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

First Visit to Canada

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited Canada from June 21 - July 5, 2004. Upon Huzoor's[aa] arrival in Canada at the Airport in Toronto, Huzoor[aa] was greeted by various government officials including Judy Segro Federal Minister of Immigration and Citizenship, Jo Volpe, the Federal Minister of Human Resources, Jean Augustine, the Federal Minister of Multiculturalism and various other MPs and officials. At the Welcome reception held at Baitul Islām Mosque Michael Di Biase, the Mayor of Vaughan, presented the key of the city to Huzoor[aa]. Huzoor[aa] also attended and addressed the Annual Convention of Canada held from July 2 – 4, 2004. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Second European Visit: Germany, Switzerland, Belgium

During his tour lasting a month in 2004, from August 16 to September 15, Huzoor[aa] graced the Annual Conventions of the three European countries starting from Germany. He arrived in Germany on Aug 17, 2004, and addressed the convention on all three days held from 20 – 22 of August, 2004.

On September 1, 2004, Huzoor[aa] set foot in Switzerland for the first time. A very warm welcome was extended by Swiss officials and Jamā'at when Huzoor[aa] arrived at Mahmood Mosque in Zurich. Huzoor[aa] addressed the 3-day annual convention held from September 3 – 5, 2004. This tour was historic in two ways. Firstly, it was the first time ever that a Swiss convention was graced by a Khalīfa's presence. Secondly, for the first time in the movement history the sermon of Khalīfa was broadcast live across the globe from Switzerland.

On Sept 8, Huzoor[aa] arrived in Brussels, Belgium. He addressed the Jalsa Sālāna of Belgium held from September 10 – 12, 2004. At the end of his tour, Huzoor[aa] briefly stayed in Holland from 13 – 15 of September.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Tour of United Kingdom

On Sept 30, 2004 Huzoor[aa] undertook a historic visit of UK's branches of Jamā'at. The centre piece of this tour was the inauguration of Darul Barakāt Mosque in Birmingham on October 1, 2004. The inaugural reception was attended by a large number of distinguished guests, including the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham, members of the UK and European Parliaments, scholars, journalists, businessmen and people from other walks of the world.

Huzoor[aa] also laid the foundation stone of two other mosques: Baitul Mahdi in Bradford on October 2, and Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool on October 3, 2004.

Huzoor[aa] later went on to visit the Jamā'at branches in Lake District Huddersfield, Manchester and Glasgow. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Second European Visit: Germany, Switzerland, Belgium

On December 22, 2004 Huzoor[aa] embarked on his visit of France. The highlight of this tour was the Annual Convention of France held from December 26 - 28, 2004. This annual convention coincided with the annual convention of Qādiān. During the convention, Huzoor[aa] not only addressed the audience present in France but also addressed the gathering in Qādiān. Huzoor's[aa] address in France and Qādiān were relayed live on MTA. Many eminent personalities including the French Prime Minister and the President sent special messages of goodwill and welcome which were read at the Jalsa.

During this visit Huzoor[aa] also paid an official visit to the famous Palace Château de Versailles. This visit was arranged through the French Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

2005

Visit of Spain

On January 1, 2005 Huzoor[aa] travelled to Spain. Ahmadīs living in Spain got the opportunity of meeting with the exalted personage of Huzoor[aa] and benefitting from his sublime discourses. The most salient features were addresses of Huzoor[aa] at the annual convention. It was the first time in the history of Spain that a convention of Spain was graced by the presence of a Khalīfa.

During this visit on January 11, 2005 Huzoor[aa] visited Gibraltor, where he met with the Governor and Commander-in-chief of Gibraltor, Sir Francis Richard, at the Governor house. The meeting lasted for an hour and various matters of mutual interest were discussed.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa]; Weekly Al Fadl International, February 25, 2005)

Tour of East Africa: Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

On April 26 to May 25, 2005 Huzoor[aa] visited the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

In Kenya, Huzoor[aa] addressed the 40th Jalsa Sālāna of Jamā'at held from April 28 to 29, 2005. Huzoor's[aa] both addresses were televised live across the globe on MTA International. This was the first ever live transmission of MTA International from the soil of East Africa. The Vice-President of Kenya also addressed the Jalsa and thanked Huzoor[aa] on behalf of Kenyan government for visiting Kenya and for the humanitarian services rendered by Jamā'at for the people of Kenya.

While in Nairobi Huzoor[aa] attended a reception given in his honour at the Nairobi Serena Hotel, which was attended by many cabinet ministers and other notable personalities of Kenya.

On May 8, 2005 Huzoor[aa] arrived in Tanzania. During his stay Huzoor[aa] addressed the annual convention of Tanzania. This was the first convention of Tanzania graced by a Khalīfatul-Masīh. On May 13, 2005 Huzoor[aa] met with the Prime Minister of Tanzania, and on May 14, 2005, with the President of Tanzania. Both dignitaries

Huzoor[aa] delivering a Friday Sermon, May 20, 2005 in Uganda.

praised the services of Jamā'at in Tanzania.

Huzoor[aa] then travelled to Uganda arriving there on May 17, 2005, and was welcomed at the airport by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. The annual convention was held from May 19 - 20, 2005; this was the first ever convention graced by a Khalīfa.

Second Visit of Canada

In June 2005, Huzoor[aa] visited Canada for the second time. He arrived in Vancouver on June 4, 2005, and was given the status of a state VIP by the Canadian Government, and the federal Peace Force of Canada was appointed for Huzoor's security during the trip. Various eminent personalities including Canadian MPs and ministers attended these ceremonies. During this tour, Huzoor[aa] visited Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Lloydminister, Saskatoon, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Cornwall.

Huzoor[aa] addressed the 29th Jalsa Sālāna of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada in Mississauga held from June 24 – 26, 2005. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa]; Weekly Al Fadl International, July 15 & 22, 2005)

Visit of Europe: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Holland

From August 24 to September 30, 2005, Huzoor[aa] visited Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Holland. Huzoor[aa] left London on August 24, for Germany, stopping in Brussels and Belgium briefly. The primary purpose of Huzoor's[aa] visit was to address the Jalsa Sālāna of Germany held from Aug 26 - 28 in Manheim, Germany.

On September 6, Huzoor[aa] left for Denmark. His arrival at the Nusrat Jahan Mosque in Copenhagen was widely covered by Denmark's National Media. Huzoor[aa] also answered questions by the press and gave an interview to Denmark's National TV Channel, TV 2.

Huzoor[aa] is being escorted by Police Honour Guards to the Stage in Jalsa Gah on last day of Jalsa Sālāna, June 26, 2005

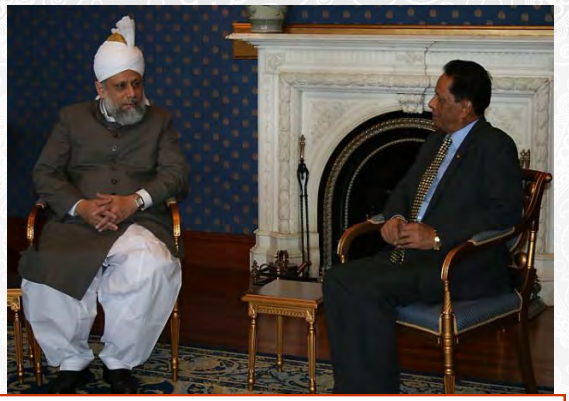
On September 7, 2005 a reception was given in Huzoor's honour which was attended by Denmark's Minister of Immigrants and Integration, members of the parliament, journalist, reporters, professors, doctors, artist and other important personalities.

On September 11, 2005, Huzoor[aa] arrived in Sweden to visit and attend the annual convention held from September 16 – 18, 2005. A reception was given in Huzoor's[aa] honour on September 17, which was attended by distinguished guests from all walks of life including 14 members of parliament and 8 Police chiefs.

On September 18, 2005, Huzoor[aa] arrived in Oslo, Norway where a reception was given in Huzoor[aa]'s honour on September 24, 2005 at the Grand Hotel. Huzoor[aa] was welcomed by the Mayor of Oslo and a representative of the Prime Minister of Norway. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

First Visit to Mauritius

From November 28 till December 3, 2005, Huzoor[aa] visited the country of Mauritius. The main objective for this visit was to meet the Jamā'at members, most of whom were meeting Huzoor[aa] for the first time, and to address the Jalsa Sālāna of Ahmadiyya Community in Mauritius which was held from December 2-4, 2005. During the visit the president of Mauritius met Huzoor[aa]. This meeting was held at the State House in Port Louise



Huzoor[aa] meeting with Sir Aneerood Jugnauth, the President of the Republic of Mauritius.

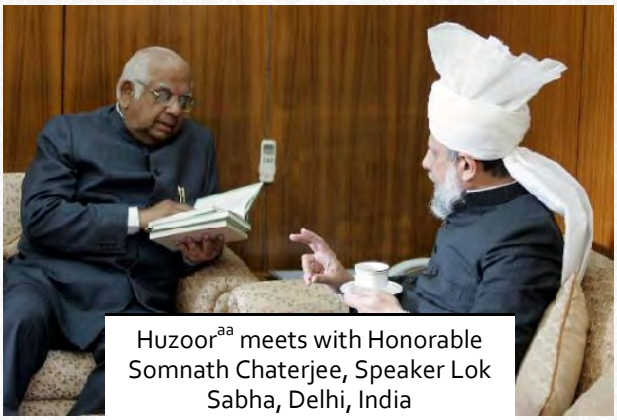
during which various matters were discussed. The Vice-President of Mauritius also met Huzoor[aa] in a separate meeting at the Vice-President's House. Throughout the visit, the National Media gave prominent coverage of Huzoor's activities in Mauritius. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad)

First Visit to India

On December 11, 2005 Huzoor[aa] embarked upon the most important and historical visit of India which was spiritually lifting for the entire Jamā'at. It was very historic in lot of ways. The year 2005 is very significant in the history of the movement as it marks the completion of 100 years of the initiation scheme of Al-Wasiyyat, and according to the Lunar Calendar marks the 100 years of the institution of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya. Therefore, it was befitting to have Huzoor[aa] attend the Jalsa Sālāna being held on the soil of Qādiān, the town, where the Khilāfat Ahmadiyya started. With Huzoor's arrival Qādiān was once again blessed with the presence of Khalīfa. Thousands of Ahmadīs from around the world converged at Qādiān. It was the first time in the history of Jamā'at that the live transmission of Huzoor[aa]'s sermons, addresses and other activities from Qādiān were shown across the globe on MTA International. **The voice that was raised over a hundred years ago from Qādiān was once again raised from Qādiān with new splendor and magnificence and reached the corners of the earth.**

The faith inspiring annual convention of Qādiān was held from December 26-28, 2005 and was attended by 70,000 people. Special inter-city trains were run by the authorities to facilitate the smooth arrival of guests. During the visit many eminent personalities including heads of other religious communities, ministers, parliamentarians and scholars had audience with Huzoor[aa] and attended the convention. Huzoor[aa] also led the 'Īdul Adha prayers in Qādiān. It was first time after the partition of India in 1947 that a Khalīfa led an Eid service in Qādiān. This history making, spiritually exhilarating tour ended on January 17, 2006. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Huzoor[aa] inspecting Jalsa Gah.



Huzoor[aa] meets with Honorable Somnath Chaterjee, Speaker Lok Sabha, Delhi, India

Huzoor[aa] praying at the grave of the Promised Messiah[as]

2006

First Tour of Far Eastern Countries: Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Japan

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited the far Eastern Countries, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Japan from April 4 –May 15, 2006. For the first time ever from the soil of these countries the addresses and sermons of Khalīfa were transmitted live to the rest of the world. In Singapore, Huzoor[aa] delivered the historic Friday Sermon which was attended by a large number of Ahmadīs from neighbouring countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Brunei.

In Australia the focal point of Huzoor's[aa] visit was his attendance and addresses to the annual convention on April 15-17, 2006. Huzoor[aa] also graced a reception given in his honour in Canberra on April 19, which was attended in large number by diplomat, members of parliament and other important personalities. In Sydney, Huzoor[aa] laid the foundation stone of the Khilāfat Centenary Hall.

Huzoor[aa] arrived in Fiji on April 25, 2006. He was welcomed by various government officials at the airport where he also addressed a press conference. Later Huzoor[aa] went to the President house where he met the Prime minister of Fijji who was also the Acting President at that time. The two-day annual convention of Fijji and community was also planned to coincide with Huzoor[aa] visit on April 28-29. The gathering was addressed on both days by Huzoor[aa]. A reception was also given in Huzoor's honour which was attended by large number of politicians, diplomats, eminent scholars and religious leaders, business man and other distinguished persons. While there, Huzoor[aa] also visited the International Date Line in the Island of Taveuni, which is considered the corner of the Earth.

Huzoor[aa] attending a reception at Ahamiyya school in Lautoka, Fiji, on April 25, 2006.

On May 4, 2006 Huzoor[aa] arrived in New Zealand. There, Huzoor[aa] addressed the annual convention on May 5-6, 2006.

Huzoor[aa] arrived in Tokyo, Japan on May 8, 2006. A reception was given in Huzoor[aa]'s honour on May 9, 2006 which was attended by Japanese members of parliament, ambassadors, politicians, police officers and other prominent personalities of Tokyo. Huzoor[aa] also addressed the community's two- day annual convention in Nagoya on May 12-13, 2006. On May 14th, Huzoor[aa] also paid a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Fourth European Visit: Belgium, Germany, Holland

From June 3 - 20, 2006, Huzoor[aa] toured European countries of Belgium, Germany and Holland. In Belgium, Huzoor[aa] addressed the concluding session of their three-day annual convention held on June 4, in Brussels.

Huzoor[aa] arriving at Mission House in Belgium.

In Germay, Huzoor[aa] graced and addressed the Ijtimā'at of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imā'illah which were held in Manheim from June 9 -11, 2006. Huzoor[aa] gave valuable advices to the attendees.

In Holland, Huzoor[aa] blessed the last day of their three day annual convention and addressed the concluding session on June 18, 2006 in Nunspeet, Holland. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Huzoor[aa] attending the Ijtimā' of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Germany.

2007

Tour of Europe: Germany, Belgium, Holland

From December 18, 2006 – January 7, 2007 Huzoor[aa] visited Germany with brief stay in Belgium and Holland. In Germany, Huzoor[aa] addressed the Jalsa Sālāna of Qādiān via Satellite link on MTA from Frankfurt on December 28, 2006. A large numbers of Ahmadīs were present in Frankfurt to listen to Huzoor[aa] and over 25, 000 people were present in Qādiān.

(Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

Tour of Europe: Holland, Germany, France

Huzoor[aa] visited Germany, Holland and France from August 18 to September 8, 2007. In his Friday Sermon of August 24, 2007, delivered at Nunspeet, Holland, Huzoor[aa] condemned the Dutch writer Geert Wilders and gave answers to his allegations against Islām.

In Germany Huzoor[aa] addressed all three days of the annual convention which took place from August 31, - September 2, 2007. (Video Documentary; Life of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa])

2008

Second Visit of West Africa: Ghana, Nigeria, Benin

From April 15 till May 6, 2008 Huzoor[aa] visited West Africa including the countries of Ghana, Nigeria, Benin. On April 15th in Ghana, a press conference was immediately convened with members of the Ghanaian Press where Huzoor[aa] extended his best wishes to the people of Ghana and said that even though people called his trip to Ghana in 2004 a homecoming, he felt that this too was another homecoming. On April 16, 2008 Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V[aa] met with his excellency, the President of Ghana, in Accra. From April 17 to 19, 2008, Jalsa Sālāna Ghana was held in which Huzoor[aa] delivered auspicious speeches and all programs were shown live on MTA. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] arrived in Nigeria on a two-day stay on April 22, 2008. On April 23, 2008, Huzoor[aa] began his official state visit to Benin. Following arrival, a press conference was immediately convened. Thereafter a reception was held at the border during which the Minister of State spoke of his admiration and gratitude for the great service of the Ahmadiyya Community. Following is a brief summary of Huzoor's[aa] activities during his visit of Benin:

- April 24, 2008: Huzoor[aa] met the President of Benin and then addressed the second day of Jalsa Sālāna, Benin.
- April 25, 2008: State reception held in honour of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]
- April 26, 2008: Reception at the Government House for Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. Huzoor[aa] returned to Nigeria on the same day.
- April 29, 2008: Hazoor[aa] inaugurated Mubarak Mosque in the Nigerian capital city of Abuja.
- May 2 — 4, 2008: Huzoor[aa] addressed the Jalsa Sālāna Nigeria.

(Press Release: The Khilāfat Centenary Tour of West Africa)

"My mission is simply to promote peace in the world. It is our task to propagate this message to every human in the world."

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] at a press conference in Nigeria, on April 22, 2008, when asked as to what his mission was.

Visit of North America USA and Canada

It was the good fortune of the United States of America when Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa set foot on its soil for the first time on June 16, 2008. During this tour, Huzooraa visited Washington, Harrisburg, and Virginia. Huzooraa also had meetings with dignitaries such as the ambassadors of Benin, Ghana, and Sierra Leone. Huzooraa also attended the Jalsa Sālāna, USA from June 20—22, 2008. (Weekly Al Fadl International, August 15, 2008)

Huzooraa arrived in Canada on June 24th for his third visit to the country. Huzooraa addressed the Jalsa Sālāna of Canada from June 27—29, 2008. Huzooraa then travelled to Calgary for the inauguration of Baitun Noor Mosque in Calgary.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa at Canada's Jalsa Sālāna.

Visit of Germany

Huzooraa visited Germany in August of 2008 from 13th till the 26th of the month. Huzooraa graciously participated in Jalsa Sālāna of Germany.

Tour of Europe: France, Holland, Germany and Belgium

From October 8 till 19, 2008, Huzooraa visited the European countries of France, Holland, Germany and Belgium. During this tour:

- Huzooraa inaugurated several mosques, and Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Germany.
- In Berlin, Huzooraa inaugurated the Khadija Mosque built only by Lajna donations.
- In France, Huzooraa met with new converts.

Second Visit of India

Huzooraa travelled to India on November 22, 2008 for the second time during his Khilāfat and stayed till December 5, 2008. During this visit, Huzooraa visited Delhi, Chennai, Calicut, Kocheen, Arnaklam, and Kerala. Huzooraa also inaugurated several mosques and met with press and media representatives. (Weekly Al Fadl International, January 9, 2009)

2009

Visit of Germany

From August 10—19, 2009, Huzooraa travelled to Germany. The main purpose of this blessed journey was to address the Jalsa Sālāna in Germany and to meet the delegates who live in large number in those European Countries, such as Albanian, Malta, Romania, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Iceland, and Bulgaria.

Visit of Europe: Belgium, Germany and Holland

From December 12 – 22, 2009 traveled to three European countries of Belgium, Germany and Holland. The main purpose of this blessed journey was to deliver an address on December 19, 2009, at the VIP Reception held at Ratskeller am Römer, on the 50th anniversary of the Nur Mosque, Frankfurt. Huzooraa also inaugurated some mosques in Germany.

2010

European Tour: France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland

From March 27 – April 25, 2010, Huzoor[aa] undertook the tour of Europe including the countries of France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

The year 2010 began with plans for Huzoor[aa] to visit Western Africa. However, due to the unstable political climate, these plans were cancelled and there were no other plans. When Huzoor[aa] came to know of the dates for the Jalsa Sālāna in Spain, Huzoor[aa] expressed a desire to visit Spain, and also Italy. When the Swiss Jamā'at learned of these plans, they requested Huzoor[aa] to visit Switzerland, and so the first tour of 2010 was planned. From April 2 to 3, 2010, Huzoor[aa] addressed the 25th Jalsa Sālāna of Spain and met the new converts and other Ahmadīs.

On April 13, Huzoor[aa] arrived at Baitud Tauheed Mosque (prayer centre) in Bologna, Italy. On the evening of the April 14, Huzoor[aa] hosted a dinner evening with Italian dignitaries. Huzoor[aa] addressed the audience in English; this was translated into Italian by the National President of Italy. (Weekly Al Fadl International, May 28, 2010)

On April 20, Huzoor[aa] took the short journey through the Alpine mountain range, north to Switzerland.

European Tour: Belgium, Germany, Holland

From June 19 – 29 June 2010, Huzoor[aa] visited Europe and stayed at Belgium, Germany and Holland. On June 25, 2010, Huzoor[aa] advised in his Friday sermon at the 35th Jalsa Sālāna in Germany that all attending Jalsa must show brotherhood and cooperation. Huzoor[aa] then turned towards the main topic of the sermon which is to continue with the biographies of those Ahmadī Muslims who were martyred on 28 May 2010, in Lahore, Pakistan.

Visit of Ireland

Huzoor[aa] visited Ireland from September 14 – 20, 2010 for the first time to inaugurate Maryam Mosque. Huzoor[aa] also gave members guidelines regarding Tablīgh efforts and the distribution of flyers and leaflets.

2011

European Tour: Belgium, Germany, Holland

From June 11 till July 4, 2011, Huzoor[aa] went on the tour of three European countries including Germany, Belgium, and Holland. On June 14, 2011, Huzoor[aa] visited Hamburg Parliament House, where the members of the Green Party held a reception in Huzoor's[aa] honour. Huzoor[aa] also delivered an address at this event, and talked about one's love for their home country. On June 17, 2011, Huzoor[aa] inaugurated a Guest House for Lajna Germany named, "Sirae Nusrat Jahan"

Huzoor[aa] also visited Berlin, where he held meetings with various dignitaries.

European Tour: Germany, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium

On September 12, 2011, Huzoor[aa] embarked upon another tour of Europe, during which he again visited Germany, Norway, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium. Huzoor[aa] delivered addresses at the occasions of Ijtimā'at for Atfālul-Ahmadiyya, Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imā'illah Germany. Huzoor[aa] also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several mosques in Germany. On September 27, Huzoor[aa] visited the Norwegian parliament building and delivered a speech at the reception given in Huzoor[aa]'s honour at the Parliament. (Weekly Al Fadl International, November 25, 2011)

Huzoor[aa] then paid a visit to Denmark, and inaugurated Baitul Qadir Mosque. In Belgium, Huzoor[aa] also laid the foundation stone ceremony for their first mosque.

2012

Visit of Europe: Germany, Holland, Belgium

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] left London on May 14, 2012 for a tour of Holland, Germany and Belgium, during which he attended the Jalsa Sālāna of each country. On May 18, Huzoor[aa] addressed the community members of Holland at their Jalsa Sālāna.

After visiting Holland for seven days, Huzoor[aa] travelled to Germany, where Huzoor[aa] held classes with Waqfīin Nau, and Jāmi'a students, and inaugurated several mosques. On May 30, Huzoor[aa] delivered an address at a reception held in his honor at the Military Headquarters in Koblenz, Germany. In this speech, Huzoor[aa] focused on the issues of human rights and loyalty to one's country. Huzoor[aa] said, **"To truly love God, Islām requires a person to love his nation. It is quite clear, therefore, that there can be no conflict of interest between a person's love for God, and for his country."** (Loyalty to One's Country, Address by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa])

Tour of North America: USA and Canada

From June 16 till July 2, 2012, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited USA, as well as Canada. In USA, Huzoor[aa] visited the cities of Chicago, Dayton, Columbus, Tipsburgh, Virginia, Harriburg, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. On June 17, Huzoor[aa] visited Zion city, and also inaugurated several mosques. On June 22, Huzoor[aa] gave an interview to a CNN representative, in which Huzoor[aa] explained the way and means of Jamā'at's progress by spreading the message of true Islām and Ahmadiyyat. On June 27, 2012, Huzoor[aa] delivered an address, titled, "The Path to Peace- Just relations Between Nations," at the Capitol Hill , Washington D.C. (Weekly Al Fadl International, August 17, 2012)

Huzoor[aa] delivering an address at the Capitol Hill.

On July 3 – 17, 2012, Huzoor[aa] went on the fourth visit of Canada. Huzoor[aa] spent nearly two weeks in Canada, where he graciously attended the 36th Canadian Jalsa Sālāna, met with dignitaries and provided guidance and advice to the members of Jamā'at. On July 11, 2012, Huzoor[aa] inaugurated Tahir Hall in Maple, Canada. On July 16, the premier of Ontario gave a reception in Huzoor's[aa] honour. (Weekly Al Fadl International, October 12, 2012)

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] addressing the audience at Germany Military Headquarters.

Visit of Europe: Germany, Holland, Belgium

In December 2012, Huzoor[aa] visited Germany. After delivering a momentous address to the European Parliament on December 4 in Belgium, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited Germany, where he inaugurated the new building for Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Germany. Huzoor[aa] also held classes with Waqf Nau youth and presided over many official meetings of auxiliary organizations in Germany to give directions, advice and support. He met with many dignitaries from German society to raise awareness about the true teachings of Islām. On December 11, Huzoor[aa] visited the Parliament in Hessen Germany and met with the official opposition party leaders.

Huzoor[aa] praying after inaugurating Baitur Rahman Mosque in Vancouver, Canada.

2013

Visit of Spain

From March 26 – April 8 2013, Huzoor[aa] visited Spain to inaugurate the second mosque in Valencia. Huzoor[aa] also met with the new converts.

Tour of North America: USA and Western Canada

On May 4, 2013, Huzoor[aa] travelled to California, Los Angeles. Upon his arrival in Los Angeles, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] was received by various dignitaries. The Honourable Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, welcomed Huzoor[aa] and remarked that, "Our city is the best place in America for Muslims to live."

Following the American visit, Huzoor[aa] visited Canada. From May 15 – 27, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed a special reception held to celebrate the opening of the Baitur Rahman Mosque, in Vancouver, Canada on May 2013. During his address, Huzoor[aa] reassured the audience that they had no reason to fear Ahmadiyya Mosques. Huzoor[aa] also travelled to Calgary and attended the Jalsa Sālāna for Western Canada.

Visit of Germany

From, June 22 till July 3, 2013, Huzoor[aa] graced the Jalsa Sālāna Germany with his presence and inaugurated several mosques during this tour.

Visit of Far East: Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Japan

On September 21, Huzoor[aa] embarked upon the tour of far east countries including Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, which ended on November 12, 2013. On the 21st of September 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] arrived in Singapore for a seven week tour of Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. More than 2,000 Ahmadīs had travelled from all over Indonesia and 500 Ahmadīs arrived from Malaysia for this blessed occasion. It is awe-inspiring to note that many families made intense personal sacrifices in order to undertake this journey, including a delegation from North Sumatra, which travelled for 10 hours by boat, then 10 hours by road, followed by another 6 hours by

Huzoor[aa] praying after the Flag Hoisting ceremony at Jalsa Sālāna of Australia, 2013.

boat and finally a further 12 hours by road in order to reach Singapore.

On September 28, 2013, Huzoor[aa] granted an audience to more than 20 Indonesian guests representing various media and educational institutions and think tanks. During the question-and-answer session, Huzoor[aa] stated that, "We believe that if not in this generation, then in future generations, we will win the hearts of people across the world in vast numbers. It will be a long process, but no doubt we will be successful."

"Today, the main attacks on Islām are raised in the electronic and print media. Thus, the Jihad of today is to publish literature and books supporting the true and peaceful teachings of Islām. That is what we are doing."

On October 4, 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] inaugurated the 29th Jalsa Sālāna Australia. The Friday sermon of Huzoor[aa] was relayed live across the globe by MTA.

From November 1–3, Huzoor[aa] attended the Jalsa Sālāna of New Zealand held at Baitul Muqeet Mosque in Auckland. On October 29, 2013, the Maori tribe arranged for a reception in regards to Huzoor's[aa] visit to New Zealand.

On November 6, Huzoor[aa] travelled from Tokyo to Nagoya, Japan. At a reception in honour of Huzoor[aa], in Mielparque Hotel Nagoya, Japan, on November 9, 2013 Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] described in his address the true beauties of the teachings of Islām.

A Buddhist group of monks took a picture with Huzoor[aa] while he was visiting a market in Tokyo, Japan.

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Meetings of Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allah be his Helper)

with Various World Dignitaries from 2004-2013

During his many historic tours of the countries around the world from year 2003 to 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh Vaa met many personalities including the heads of states, members of parliaments, professionals and people from various faiths and walks of life. Huzoor'saa meetings with some of these dignitaries are briefly mentioned below.

2004

Meetings during First Tour of West Africa

During his first tour of West Africa from March 13 – April 11, 2004, Huzooraa met with President of Ghana, John Agyekum Kufuor and Vice President Alhaj Aliu Mahama on March 15, 2004. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masrooraa Number, October 2008)

Huzooraa meeting with the President of Ghana

- Huzooraa also met with President Blaise Compaore and the Prime Minister Per Langa Ernest Yonhi of Burkina Foso on March 26, 2004.
- In Benin, Huzooraa had a meeting with President Mathieu Kerekou. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masrooraa Number, October 2008)
- The same year Huzooraa visited Canada and had a telephone conversation with the then Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Paul Martin.

2005

Meetings during Tour of East Africa

During the first historic tour of East Africa, from April 26 – May 25, 2005, Huzooraa met with the President Mwai Kibaki, and Vice President Mudi Awori of Kenya; the Prime Minister Benjamen Mkapa of Tanzania and the President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masrooraa Number, October 2008)

Huzooraa also met with the leader of the Coptic Church in Kenya

(Reference: Alislam Photo Gallery)

Meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada Paul Martin

Huzooraa visited Canada for the second time from June 4 to July 6, 2005 to attend the annual Ahmadiyya convention of Canada. A week after the convention, Huzooraa flew to Ottawa where he met the then Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Paul Martin for 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the meeting, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa presented the Prime Minister with a shield and a

copy of the book 'The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām' by the Promised Messiah[aa]. (Review of Religions, May 2008)

Meeting with Governor and Commander in Chief of Gibraltar

On September 11, 2005 Huzoor[aa] visited Gibraltar where he met with the Governor and Commander in chief of Gibraltar Sir Francis Richards at the Governor House. The meeting lasted for an hour and various matters of mutual interests were discussed.

Meeting with Minister for Religious Affairs, Youth, Education for Children and Adults of Sweden

Huzoor[aa] met Mrs. Lena Hallengren, the Minister for Religious affairs, youth and Education for children and adults during his visit to Europe from September 11–21, 2005.

Meeting with President of Mauritius

Huzoor[aa] met with the President of Mauritius Sir Anerood jugnauth and Vice President Mr. Raouf Bundhun during his visit of the country from November 27 – December 10, 2005.

2006

Meeting with Acting President of Fiji

From April 25 to May 3, 2006, Huzoor[aa] met the Acting President Ratu Joni Madrawiwi of Fiji Island. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, October 2008

2008

Meetings during Second Tour of West Africa

Huzoor's meeting with President John Agyekum Kufuor and Vice President Alhaj Aliu Mahama of Ghana were held during his visit to the country from April 15—26, 2008, which was a part of his second West African tour. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, October 2008)

Meetings in Benin: Huzoor[aa] met many state Ministers of Benin during his visit to the country from April 23—26, 2008. (Tashheezul Azhān, Syedna Masroor[aa] Number, October 2008)

2010

Meeting with Professor of Iceland University

During the annual convention of Germany on June 27, 2010, Huzoor[aa] met with a group of people from Iceland and Faroe Islands (situated between Iceland and Denmark). The guests included teachers and professors of the University of Iceland. A professor from Iceland University, Dr. Gunnar Gunnarsson extended an invitation to Huzoor[aa] to visit Iceland. Huzoor[aa] accepted that invitation by saying: "Once we become friends, we stay friends forever. It's my heartfelt desire to visit my friend." (Weekly Al Fadl International, September 3-9, 2010, pg. 11)

Meeting with the American Consulate and Arch Bishop Representative, France

On April 24, 2010 during his tour of Europe, Hazrat Khalifatul-Messiah V[aa] met with Mr. Vincent Carver the American Consulate in France, and with Michel Reeber, the representative of Arch Bishop of Catholic Church in Strasbourg, France. In an hour long meeting, Huzoor[aa] discussed important issues such as world

crises and Islām as a message of universal peace. (Weekly Al-Fazl International, July 16 -22, 2010)

2011

Meeting with Prince Edward in London

On July 7, 2011, the Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward paid a visit to the Fazl Mosque in South West London. Prince Edward was greeted by a delegation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, led by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa.

The Earl of Wessex was inspecting the gardens of the Fazl Mosque, which has won numerous awards over the past few years, in his capacity as a Patron of 'The London Gardens Society.' The Earl was also able to view a small exhibition about the history of the mosque. (Official Press Release, July 7, 2011)

Meeting with President of Norway

During his visit of Norway, Hazart Khaliftul Masih Vaa visited the Norwegian National Parliament, the Storting, on September 27, 2011 in Oslo. His Holiness was greeted by a number of national MPs and was given a tour of the Storting, before having a private meeting with President, Mr. Terje Anderson in the Presidential Office. (Official Press Release, September 27, 2011)

Meeting with Defense Minister of Norway

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa was called on by the Norwegian Defense Minister, Ms. Grete Faremo on September 30, 2011 in Huzoor's office at the Baitun Nasr mosque complex in Oslo. The talks centered on the recent terrorist attack in Norway that took place on July 22, 2011.

Meeting with twice serving Norwegian Prime Minister

On October 3, 2011, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa met with Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik who had the distinction of twice serving as Norway's Prime Minister, first between 1997 and 2000 and secondly between 2001 and 2005.

The leaders discussed the importance of true democracy, whereby each citizen has the right to partake as an equal member of society. Huzooraa said: "For democracy to truly succeed it is essential that democracy is accepted not just in name but also in spirit. I pray that you succeed in helping to bring true democracy and establishing peace and human rights throughout the world." (Official Press Release, October 6, 2011)

2012

Meeting with the Foreign Minister of Canada

Canada's Foreign Minister, Mr. John Baird, visited Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa, at the Fazl Mosque in London on January 24, 2012 . Mr. Gordon Campbell, the Canadian High Commissioner to the UK and other members of staff were also present at the meeting which lasted around forty minutes.

During the meeting, the Foreign Minister mentioned how the Canadian Government was in the process of setting up an 'Office of Religious Freedom' and sought the views of His Holiness about how such an Office should function. In response, His Holiness explained that Islām taught that every person should be free to practice his religion openly and without fear of discrimination. He said that irrespective of religious differences, all members of a society should live together with a spirit of unity, peace and tolerance and that this was what the Office of Religious Freedom should strive to achieve throughout the world.

His Holiness also informed the Foreign Minister that **the Holy Qur'ān taught respect for all religions to such an extent that Muslims have been ordered to not only protect their own mosques but to protect all places of worship, whether they be churches, synagogues or temples.** (Official Press Release, January 25, 2012)

Meeting with the Governor-General of Tuvalu

On 15 February 2012, the worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] was called on by the Governor-General of Tuvalu, Sir Iakoba Italeli at the Fazl Mosque in London. The Governor-General was also accompanied by his wife, Lady Koling Italeli and a member of staff.

During the meeting various matters pertaining to religion were discussed. In particular, His Holiness explained about the differences in belief between Ahmadī Muslims and non-Ahmadī Muslims. (Official Press Release, February 20, 2012)

The Governor-General and Lady Koling Italeli with Huzoor[aa].

Meeting with the ambassador of Ghana to the United States

During his tour of the United States, on June 25 2012, Mr. Daniel Ohene Agyekum, Ghana's Ambassador to the US, visited Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] at the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Maryland.

The Ambassador spoke about the wide array of peace initiatives and humanitarian projects undertaken by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in Ghana. (Official Press Release, June 26, 2012)

Meeting with the Liberal Party Head and its Delegation

During Huzoor's[aa] visit to Canada in 2012, a delegation of the Liberal Party of Canada visited Hazrat Khalīfatul -Masīh at the Baitul Islām Mosque located in in Peace Village, Vaughan on July 04, 2012.

The visiting delegation included Justin Trudeau MP, son of former Prime Minister Pierre, and former MP Navdeep Bains. Speaking about the issue of integration, Huzoor[aa] said:

"Islām is an open religion which teaches mutual respect. And so if you are a true Muslim you should be willing and able to integrate in any part of the world."

(Official Press Release, July 12, 2012)

Huzoor[aa] meeting with Liberal party delegation, July 04, 2012.

Meeting with Ontario's Premier and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

On July 16, 2012, the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for Ontario, Charles Sousa, hosted a special reception in honour of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] at the Paramount Banquet Centre in Woodbridge, Ontario.

In his address at the reception, Huzoor[aa] said:

"Do not only help those countries, which according to your own treaties and deals, you are obliged to help, so that you can acquire certain benefits for yourself in return. But instead you should search for those who are truly deprived and from whom you can seek no personal benefit or fulfill any vested interest. Fulfill the rights of the needy, as that is the means to develop real trust and confidence. Most importantly it removes anxieties and frustrations and as a result peace in society is developed." (Official Press Release, July 22, 2012)

Meeting with Ontario's Premier and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

On October 12, 2012, Canada's Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Jason Kenney, visited Hazrat Khailfatul Masih V[aa] at the Fazl Mosque in London.

During the hour-long meeting various issues were discussed, including Canada's forthcoming 'Office of Religious Freedom' and efforts to tackle extremism. In terms of the role of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, Minister Kenney said that he had always found it to be an entirely peaceful and law abiding community that contributed positively to Canadian society. (Official Press Release, October 15, 2012)

Meeting with the Mayor of London

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited London's City Hall on November 19, 2012 to meet with the Mayor of London, Mr. Boris Johnson. During their 45-minute long meeting, Huzoor[aa] and the Mayor discussed various issues, including the establishment of world peace, the true peaceful teachings of Islām, the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in fighting extremism and the persecution faced by the Jamā'at in certain countries. Introducing the Jamā'at, Huzoor[aa] told the Mayor that after the demise of the Promised Messiah[as], the institution of Khilāfat had begun and he himself was the Fifth Khalīfa (Successor) of the Promised Messiah[as]. Huzoor[aa] explained that even though he was a direct descendent of the Promised Messiah[as], Khilāfat was not in any way a hereditary institution.

The two leaders also discussed the persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in Pakistan. Huzoor[aa] informed how he had spent 11 days in jail, prior to his

Huzoor[aa] presenting the Mayor of London with a gift of painting of Fazl Mosque.

election, on charges that proved to be entirely false. His Holiness described the conditions of the jail to be hostile and extremely overcrowded. The meeting ended with the Mayor stating that he would continue to offer his 'full support' to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in all respects. Huzoor[aa] thanked him on behalf of the worldwide Jamā'at and said he hoped the mutual friendship would continue to develop. (Official Press Release, November 20, 2012)

Meetings with Dignitaries at the European Parliament

On December 3rd and 4th, 2012, the Khalīfa of Islām, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], held a series of meetings with political leaders and dignitaries from across Europe at the European Parliament. In each meeting Huzoor[aa] conveyed Islām's teachings of peace, mutual respect and tolerance.

Meeting with Dr. Charles Tannock:

Dr Charles Tannock is a Member of European Parliament (MEP) London and Chair of European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group.

Huzoor[aa] spoke about the persecution faced by Ahmadī Muslims in Pakistan, and that every month Ahmadīs were being brutally martyred in Pakistan. Mr. Tannock said that he would continue to support the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in all respects.

Meeting with Tunne Kelam:

Mr. Tunne Kelam was then the MEP Estonia & Vice-Chair of European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group. Mr. Kelam said that Huzoor[aa]'s visit to the European Parliament *'was very important because it will enrich our understanding'.*

Meeting with Claude Moraes:

Claude Moraes was then the MEP and Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group.

Mr. Moraes said that Huzoor[aa] was particularly welcome at the European Parliament because he brought with him a message of peace and tolerance.

Meeting with Marina Yannakoudakis:

Ms. Marina Yannakoudakis, MEP London said that she had always admired the Jamā'at's motto of 'Love for All, Hatred for None'.

Huzoor[aa] simply replied, **'This is a message for the entire world'.**

Meeting with European Parliament's South Asia Delegation: Jean Lambert (MEP London) and Phil Bennion (MEP West Midlands)

The MEPs briefed Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] about their recent official visit to Pakistan, whilst also pledging to help Ahmadī Muslims who are persecuted. Huzoor[aa] said an effort should be made to stop innocent children being radicalized in Pakistan. He said

that many of the so-called Madrassas were not fulfilling their roles to provide religious education; rather they were indoctrinating children with extremist ideologies.

Meeting with Norwegian Delegation: Billy Taranger (CF Party) and Ann Katherine Skgorshammer (MP – CF Party)

Mr. Taranger spoke of his admiration for Ahmadī Muslims. In response, Huzoor[aa] said that all good and sensible people would support the Jamā'at's message of love, peace and harmony.

Meeting with Ingrid Norstein, Norway:

Ms. Ingrid Norstein from Labour Party of Norway, asked Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] as to how the Government of Norway could help the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. His Holiness responded by saying that Ahmadī Muslims believed that all citizens should have equal rights. Huzoor[aa] said that Ahmadī Muslims were denied the right to vote in Pakistan due to unjust legislation and thus the Norwegian Government should work towards making sure all groups have the right to vote.

Meeting with Spanish delegation:

Spanish delegate was comprised of Jose Maria Alonso Ruiz, (MP), Pedro Carlavilla (Mayor of Meco) and Augustina Rubio (Barrister and Professor).

Huzoor[aa] was briefed upon the current economic situation in Spain. His Holiness counseled that any money received as part of a bailout settlement from the European Union should be spent wisely and for the betterment of the Spanish people.

Meeting with Barrister from Ireland:

Garry O'Halloran, a Barrister from Ireland met Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] and spoke about giving up his political career and pursuing a legal one. Huzoor[aa] prayed for his future success.

(Official Press Release, December 8, 2012)

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Meeting with Lieutenant Governor and Several Politicians of USA

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa met with the California Lieutenant Governor, Gavin Newsom, mayoral candidate, Eric Garcetti, and several members of the United States Congress at a special reception held in his honour at the Montage in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles on May 11, 2013. More than 300 politicians, academics and community leaders attended.

The reception was preceded by both a Press Conference and a private meeting between Hazrat Mirzā Masroor[aa] Ahmad and various dignitaries. (Official Press Release, May 12, 2013)

Meeting with the Mayor of Calgary

The Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi and various other dignitaries visited Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa at the Baitun Nur Mosque in Calgary on May 25, 2013, during Huzoor's visit to Western Canada.

During the 30-minute long meeting, Huzoor[aa] and the Mayor discussed various issues including the means to tackle rising extremism and developing a peaceful and cohesive society.

Meeting with Calgary Police Delegate

Later on the same day, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] held separate meetings with a delegation from Calgary Police, including Deputy Chief of Police (DCP), Trevor Daroux and Supt. Sat Parhar.

Meeting with Federal Member of Parliament of Canada

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa also met with a Federal Member of Parliament, Devinder Shory in whose constituency the Baitun Nur Mosque falls. The MP condemned the persecution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in various countries and pledged to help and assist the Community. (Official Press Release, May 12, 2013)

Meeting with the MP of Australia

During his second tour of Far East countries, Huzoor[aa] met with Kevin Conolly, the Member of Australian Parliament. Mr. Conolly briefed Huzoor[aa] on Australia's recent General Elections. (Official Press Release, October 1, 2013)

Meeting Maori King

On October 29,2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masī was welcomed by King Tuheitia at the Turangawaewae Marae in New Zealand and given a traditional welcome

by the Maori community. Huzoor[aa] presented King Tuheitia with a copy of the Holy Qur'ān, recently translated into the Maori language by Shaqeel Ahmad Munir Sāhib.

During the presentation ceremony, Huzoor[aa] addressed the tribal elders and thanked them for their traditional welcome. Speaking about the Qur'ān, Huzoor[aa] said:

"The Qur'ān teaches people how to live together in peace and certainly today we need love, peace and reconciliation to spread far and wide – that is the message of the Qur'ān."

(Official Press Release, October 29, 2013)

Hazrat Khalīfatul -Masīh V[aa] presenting a copy of the Holy Qur'ān with translation in Maori language to Maori King.

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"I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth"

A revelation vouchsafed to the Promised Messiah[as] in 1898.

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Section
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Peace Initiatives and Defence of Islām

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A Message of Peace

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be His Helper) has delivered the message of Peace and Ahmadiyyat, the true Islām, effectively and prudently to the most influential assemblies of legislatures such as: **the British Parliament, Capitol Hill, the European Union Parliament, Canadian and German Parliaments**. Additionally, Huzoor[aa] has addressed the receptions held at the **Beverly Hill in Log Angeles, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan**! Presented below is a brief glimpse of these events and opinions expressed by some attendees.

Huzoor[aa] speaking at the opening ceremony of Baitur Rahman Mosque in Vancouver.

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Over the past decade, the Khalīfa of Islām delivered powerful addresses throughout the world. Addressing the intelligentsia, he reminded them of their values and presented solutions to the problems which they are experiencing from the beautiful teachings of Islām. Other than highlighting important tenets such as peace, humanity, justice, and loyalty, the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] also put emphasis on significant current issues in mainstream Islām and how to emerge victorious in the face of intolerance, bigotry, and violence, by discussing terrorism, economy, and

defence of Islām. Here is an overview of these addresses with some of the key messages delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] to the cognoscenti of the world along with some feedback and reactions received in response to these communications.

Address to the House of Commons, UK

On October 22, 2008 the British Parliament celebrated **the** Ahmadiyya Khilāfat Centenary (1908-2008) by inviting the Khalīfa of Islām to the British parliament. A reception was organized in the House of Commons by Justine Greening, MP for Putney, home to the Fazl Mosque, London. It was the very first time that a Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was invited to address the world's most magnificent and the most longstanding house of power. Huzoor[aa] acknowledged the invitation by saying, "**I would like to thank all of the respected and honourable guests, MPs and Right Honourables who have allowed a leader of a religious organisation to say a few words to you."**

Due to the global economic depression at that time, Huzoor[aa] fittingly gave an address on the "Islāmic perspective on global crises". He said, "Islām says that all mankind is like a family and it can only look after the peace and security of each member; only if humanity lives like a close-knit family."

He further added, "Peace and security cannot be established until people of each race and nation are able to recognize that they are indeed the children of Adam and created by a male and female and are therefore equal… The Holy Qur'ān addresses all nations of the world on the basis of humanity… Those countries who want to be the standard-bearers of peace should sit down together and ponder upon how the world can be saved from destruction."

Huzoor[aa] reassured loyalty of Ahmadīs to the United Kingdom. He said, "Every Ahmadī who lives in Great Britain is an extremely loyal citizen of the country and loves it; and this is because of the teachings of our Prophet[sa] who instructed us that the love of one's country is an integral part of one's faith."[1]

Address at the Capitol Hill, USA

One June 27, 2012, Huzoor[aa] delivered a historical address at Capitol Hill in Washington DC, which is the legislative home to the most powerful government in the world!

Huzoor[aa] had traveled to the USA for the 64th Annual Convention held at Harrisburg, PA. During this visit Huzoor[aa] was invited to address both houses of the parliament of the USA at the Capitol Hill, Washington DC. At this occasion, the United States Congress introduced a resolution praising Huzoor[aa]'s commitment to promoting peace. The introductory paragraph of the Resolution stated:

"**Welcoming His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, to Washington, DC, and recognizing his commitment to world peace, justice, nonviolence, human rights, religious freedom and democracy...**"

Huzoor[aa] delivering his keynote address at Capitol Hill

Huzoor[aa] was also given a tour of the parliament. Huzoor's keynote address entitled *'The Path to Peace – Just Relations between Nations'* was attended by an audience with more than 30 members of the United States Congress, including Honourable Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic Leader in the House of Representatives and members of the Diplomatic Corps, White House and State Department staff, Professors, NGO leaders, religious leaders, media representatives, State representatives and various other sectors of society.

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>
> Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]

Talking about the path to world peace, Huzoor[aa] said, "The truth is that peace and justice are inseparable – you cannot have one without the other… In the Holy Qur'ān, God Almighty has made it clear that whilst our nationalities or ethnic backgrounds act as a means of identity, they do not entitle or validate any form of superiority of any kind… According to the teaching of Islām people of all nationalities and all races are equal and should be granted equal rights without any discrimination or prejudice. This is the key and golden principle that lays the foundation for harmony between different groups and nations and for the establishment of peace."

Huzoor[aa] reminded the USA, the role it could play in world peace. He said, "The United States, as the world's largest power, should play its role in acting with true justice and with such good intentions as I have described. If it does so then the world will always remember with great admiration your great efforts."[3, 4]

Address to the Premier's Reception, Ontario, Canada

In July 2012, Huzoor[aa] traveled to Canada to inaugurate the 36th Annual Convention of Canada. During his visit, Ontario's Premier Hon. Dalton McGuinty and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for Ontario, Hon. Charles Sousa, hosted a Reception in Honour of Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at at the Paramount Banquet Centre in Woodbridge, Ontario on July 16, 2012.

The event began with a welcome address by Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Charles Sousa. Thereafter, the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty spoke about his admiration for the humanitarian efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in Canada. Premier Dalton McGuinty said, **"To His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad – welcome to Ontario…We are fortunate to have a strong Ahmadiyya Muslim Community that is inspired by the leadership of His Holiness to promote peace, justice, equality, respect and understanding for all humanity."**

Huzoor[aa] spoke about Honesty which is key to developing trust. Huzoor[aa] said, "It is only through the *right word* that confidence and trust can develop. And it is trust that is a means for guaranteeing peace. If this golden principle is followed at every level then a spirit of peace and harmony will spread throughout all of society, from our domestic family units, to the wider world and indeed in terms of the relations between nations."

He further added, "A true spirit of sacrifice is required for a peaceful society to develop. Thus, it should not be that you help the poor and needy only out of what extra resources you have, but rather you should be willing to inflict hardship on yourself in an effort to help your brothers and sisters and fulfil their rights… Do not only help those countries, which according to your own treaties and deals, you are obliged to help, so that you can acquire certain benefits for yourself in return. But instead you should search for those who are truly deprived and from whom you can seek no personal benefit or fulfil any vested interest. Fulfil the rights of the needy, as that is the means to develop real trust and confidence. Most importantly it removes anxieties and frustrations and as a result peace in society is developed."[5]

Huzoor[aa] with Dalton McGuinty, (former) Premier of Ontario.

Address to the European Parliament

On December 4th, 2012, Huzoor[aa] delivered yet another historic keynote address at the European Parliament, in Brussels to a packed audience of more than 350 guests representing 30 countries. The event was hosted by the newly launched **'European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group'**, whose Chair and Vice-Chairs all took to the stage to welcome Huzoor[aa]. Martin Schulz, member of European Parliament (MEP) and President of the European Parliament also came to meet with His Holiness.

During his thirty-five minute address, Huzoor[aa] called on the European Union to preserve its unity; addressed the issue of increased immigration to Western countries; advocated for equality in international relations and spoke at length about Islām's key teachings in relation to developing world peace. Huzoor[aa] said, "In the modern world many people viewed Islām as a religion that promoted violence and extremism and blamed it for many of the conflicts taking place in various parts of the world. Such allegations are particularly unjust given that "the very meanings of the word Islām are 'peace' and 'security'."

He further added, "Governments need to make policies that establish and protect mutual respect, through which hurting the sentiments of others or causing them any type of harm should be outlawed…With regards to the immigrants, they must enter with a willingness to integrate with the local people, whilst the locals should be ready to open their hearts and display tolerance."

"Speaking from an Islāmic perspective, we should strive for the entire world to unite together. In terms of currency the world should be united. In terms of business and trade the world should be united. And in terms of freedom of movement and immigration, cohesive and practical policies should be developed, so that the world can become united."

Huzoor[aa] also gave some direct and powerful messages. He said, "…perceived double standard is causing grievances and malice to increase in the hearts of people from Muslim countries against the major powers of the world. This anger and animosity is extremely dangerous and could boil over and explode at any time… Let it be clear that I am not speaking in support or favour of any particular individual country. What I wish to say is that all forms of cruelty, wherever they exist, must be eradicated and stopped, regardless of whether they are perpetrated by the people of Palestine, the people of Israel or the people of any other country..."[6]

Huzoor[aa] said, "Always remember that peace can only be established by helping both the oppressed and the oppressor in a manner that is completely impartial, free from vested interests and devoid of all enmity. Peace is made by giving all parties an equal platform and playing field."

Opening Reception of Baitur Rahman Mosque, Vancouver

The reception was hosted on May 18, 2013 to celebrate the opening of the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Vancouver, Canada and was attended by many parliamentarians. Huzoor[aa] advocated the importance of opening new mosques. Huzoor[aa] said, "**In essence, it can be said that the first ever 'Charter for the Protection of Religion and Religious Rights' is found in the Holy Qur'ān and it has been associated directly to the Mosque. In other words, whenever a new mosque is built, a new chapter for religious freedom is opened**."[7]

Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Associate Minister for Defence, read out a message on behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper congratulating the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at on the opening of the new Mosque. Dr.. Andrew Bennett, Ambassador of Canada's Office of Religious Freedom, Lois Jackson, Mayor of the Corporation of Delta, Mobina Jaffer, Senator from British Columbia, Judy Sgro, Member of Parliament, Jinny Sims, Member of Parliament, Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament, Rob Norris, Member of Legislative Assembly, Manmeet Bhullar, Member of Legislative Assembly, Marilyn Lafrate, Councillor City of Vaughan and Ron Starr expressed admiration for Huzoor[aa] and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in various ways.

Councillor City of Mississauga, announced that his Council had decided to recognise May 18 as "Ahmadiyya Day". He said that in Ahmadī Mosques there is "peace, hope and a recognition that by working together will make the world a better place."[7]

Amongst the media outlets included were 'CBC', 'CTV', 'Global TV' as well as 'The Province' and 'Vancouver Sun' newspapers.

Reception in Beverly Hills Los Angeles, Southern California

A special reception was held in Huzoor'[aa]s honour at the Montage in Beverly Hills, LA on May 11, 2013. More than 300 politicians, academics and community leaders attended, including the California Lieutenant Governor, mayoral candidate Eric Garcetti, and several members of the United States Congress. During the event the Los Angeles City Council presented Huzoor[aa] with the golden key to the city, declaring: *"This Key is reserved for only the most honoured people on Earth."*

Huzoor[aa] spoke about terrorism and said, "There is no doubt that the acts of terrorism or extremism by some so-called Muslims perpetrators have nothing whatsoever to do with the true teachings of Islām. The very meaning of 'Islām' is peace, security and giving a guarantee of protection against all forms of harm and evil..." He further said, "The Holy Prophet[sa] was held captive and enslaved in his heartfelt distress and desire to save the people of the world from destruction. And so it is a cause of great injustice that many people today try to stain his blessed character by saying that, God forbid, he brought teachings of cruelty, oppression and injustice." Huzoor[aa] reminded the world of its Creator. He said, "I believe in that One God who is the Lord of all nations, all races and all religions, and so it becomes impossible that I could ever develop any hatred in my heart for any nation, any race or any religion."

"The direction the world is moving in suggests that the dark shadow of war is being cast over a very large part of the globe. If war breaks out then countless innocent women, children and elderly people will all die. The destruction will be greater than was witnessed in the previous two World Wars… The key to peace is to stop cruelty and oppression wherever it occurs with justice and equality. Only when this principle is followed will global peace develop. This will only happen when the people of the world come to recognise their Creator."

Gavin Newsom, California Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley, U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass, and Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff praised Huzooraa's efforts to promote world peace.[8, 9]

Second Address in the British Parliament, UK

It was a special blessing of God that on June 11, 2013, Huzooraa was again invited to speak in the British Parliament in less than four years' time. It was to celebrate the centenary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the United Kingdom. The centenary celebrations were attended by 68 dignitaries, including 30 MPs and 12 Members of the House of Lords, including 6 Cabinet Ministers and 2 Ministers. Various media organisations including the BBC, Sky TV and ITV were also present to cover the event. In attendance, amongst others, were the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change The Rt. Hon. Ed Davey MP, the Deputy Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, the Home Secretary The Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, the Shadow Foreign Secretary The Rt. Hon. Douglas Alexander MP, the Chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee Rt. Hon. Keith Vaz MP and Member of Parliament for Mitcham and Morden Siobhain McDonaugh MP. Huzooraa had meetings with all of them prior to his address. Huzooraa expressed his views on **loyalty to one's homeland** which is an Islāmic value. He said, "… Ahmadī Muslims believe that love for one's country is an essential part of faith, because the Founder of Islām, the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa has emphatically ordered and taught this."

Huzoor addressing UK Parliment, June 2013

Talking about Ahmadī Muslims Huzooraa said, "Our sect is the standard bearer for peace, reconciliation and harmony, which is why our motto is **'Love for All, Hatred for None'."**

Huzooraa talked about the universal respect for prophets a Muslim holds. He said, "Because Muslims believe that prophets were sent to all people and all nations they cannot ever consider them to be false. Thus, Muslims cannot disrespect, mock or insult any of the prophets of God, nor can they injure the sentiments of the followers of any religion… No other religion so willingly and openly praises every faith and every nation as Islām does. The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) spent his entire life spreading peace in the world. That was his noble mission. Certainly, there will come a day when the people of the world will realise and understand that he did not bring any teachings of extremism. They will realise that all he brought was a message of peace, love and kindness."

Huzooraa also explained that there is no coercion in Islām, "If a person's heart desires then they are free to accept Islām, but if their heart does not, then they are free to reject it. Therefore, Islām is completely against

compulsion and extremism; rather, it advocates peace and harmony at all levels of society."

Huzoor[aa] warned of a catastrophic future by saying, "Due to the acts of certain countries the signs are that another world war is on the horizon. If a world war breaks out then the Western world will also be deeply affected by its far-reaching and devastating consequences. Let us save ourselves from such destruction. Let us save our future generations from the miserable and devastating consequences of war. There is a real risk of a nuclear war breaking out. To prevent such a horrific outcome, we should adopt justice, integrity and honesty and join together to suppress and stop those groups who wish to spread hatred and who wish to destroy the peace of the world."[10, 11]

Address at the Welcome Reception in Singapore

During his tour of the countries of Far East in 2013, Huzoor[aa] delivered another keynote address at a Welcome Reception held in his honour at the Oriental Mandarin Hotel in Singapore on the evening of September 26, 2013. The event was attended by more than 100 non-Ahmadī dignitaries and guests, including Mr. Lee Koon Choy a founding member of the ruling People's Action Party, who during his distinguished career also served as Singapore's Ambassador to various countries. During his keynote address, Huzoor[aa] explained the basis for a just economy; the need for equity between nations; the misrepresentation of Islām; and his concerns at the increasing risk of a Third World War. Huzoor[aa] said, "In much of the world today there is a belief or perception that Islām is a religion of extremism and force. Let me say at the outset that this is entirely wrong and the reality is the complete opposite… The truth is that there are some selfish Muslims who seek only to serve their own personal interests. To feed their own ambitions and desires they are interpreting Islām's teachings in completely the wrong way and therefore have enabled various unfounded allegations to be levelled against Islām. Their acts unfairly tarnish Islām's pure name even though the reality is that at every instance Islām provides only rational and logical answers that are entirely fair and just."

Speaking about the means for a successful economy, His Holiness said that Islām advocates fairness at all levels. Huzoor[aa] said, "Islām teaches that the world's natural resources are the combined property and wealth of all of mankind. The vast treasures that Allāh the Almighty has endowed, both above and below the earth, are not just for a few selected individuals but are for the benefit of every single person, in every part of the world."

About the importance of education, Huzoor[aa] said universal access was necessary, His Holiness said: "Islām teaches that each and every child, no matter what his or her background, should be provided a proper education so that they can develop into skilled and truly beneficial members of society."

Speaking about international relations, Huzoor[aa] said that "Peace between nations could only be achieved through justice at all levels and that developed countries should seek to assist under-developed countries selflessly. Alliances or friendships with particular nations should not be a determining factor in deciding whether to assist other countries. Favouritism of any kind should not occur – rather the goal should be to help others stand on their own two feet. Unjust conditions should not be placed, whereby countries are not helped until they fulfil certain demands or until they agree to establish particular relations with third-party countries."

Addressing the issue of inequality and the gap between rich and poor that continues to prevail, Huzoor[aa] said: "Regrettably, we find that more than sixty years after the formation of the United Nations, the poor countries remain destitute and deprived, whilst the

developed countries have remained rich and powerful. Islām has explained that a fundamental cause of this permanent inequality is that the world has not understood that the wealth of resources granted to mankind by God is for the combined use of all of humanity." Offering a solution to global unrest and a means to reduce inequality: "Islām, however, counsels that the best state of affairs, which are of peace and harmony, can only be established when both sides work together for the greater good. The poor must fulfil their own responsibilities and work hard in order to benefit from their resources and wealth. On the other hand, the rich should happily display a true spirit of sacrifice in order to help their brothers and sisters."

Huzoor[aa] delivers a keynote address appealing for World Peace, when he inaugurated the 'Khilāfat Centenary Hall' in Sydney, Australia on October 18th, 2013.

Address at the Reception in Australia

On October 18, 2013, Huzoor[aa] officially opened the 'Khilāfat Centenary Hall', built next to the Baitul Huda Mosque in Sydney, with the keynote address at an Inauguration Reception. The event was attended by more than 200 non-Ahmadī dignitaries and guests, including a range of Federal and State Parliamentarians. During his keynote address, Huzoor[aa] spoke about the misrepresentation of Islām in today's world; he spoke about the objectives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and he spoke once again about his grave concerns that the world was heading towards a devastating global war. He said, "The state of the world today is clearly indicating that we are on the brink of an extremely dangerous global war. Such a war will include countries that possess nuclear weapons and whose leaders are happy and do not care about the horrific consequences of their acts. As a result of their carefree attitudes the world may come to witness a truly devastating destruction." In his concluding remarks, Huzoor[aa] said: "Do not consider the problems and conflicts of today's world to be minor or insignificant but instead strive your utmost and make every possible effort to establish peace… Thus, I ask all of you to raise your voices with justice against all forms of cruelty, corruption and disorder so that the world can be saved from destruction."[12]

Address in the National Parliament of New Zealand

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] delivered another historic address at the New Zealand's National Parliament in Wellington on November 4, 2013. In front of an audience of Parliamentarians, Ambassadors of State, academics and a range of other guests, Huzoor[aa] advocated the urgent need for justice as a means to develop world peace in the face of increasing tensions and conflicts in various parts of the world. Indeed, His Holiness deemed the establishment of world peace as "the critical need of the time." Huzoor[aa] said, "The means of today's wars include aerial bombardment, poison gas and even chemical weapons and there is also the potential use of the most horrific weapon of all – the nuclear bomb. Consequently, the wars of today are entirely different to those of the past, because today's wars could potentially wipe mankind from the face of the earth." He further added, "Diplomacy should always be the

preferred route in seeking to solve international or national disputes. Certainly, it is a requirement of loving one's nation that if it is ever attacked, it is the duty of a citizen to be ready to give every sacrifice for its defence and to liberate the nation. Nevertheless, if the conflict can be resolved in a cordial or peaceful way through negotiations and diplomacy then one should not needlessly invite death and killings… There is no doubt that a conflict between a government and its people can escalate into a much broader international conflict. Already, we find that two blocs amongst the major powers are forming. One bloc supports the Syrian government, whilst the other is supporting the rebel forces. And so clearly this situation is not merely a grave threat to the Muslim countries but is also a source of extreme danger for the rest of the world."

Continuing to underline the importance of diplomacy, Huzoor[aa] praised the recent efforts of Russian President, Vladimir Putin, in preventing the escalation of the Syrian war. He said, "Russia's President made efforts to hold back some of the other major powers from attacking Syria… He said that if the requirements of justice were not met and if other nations went to war independently then the United Nations would suffer the same sorry fate as the League of Nations. I believe that he was completely correct in this analysis. I wish only that he had gone one step further and said that the right of veto power held by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council should be ended once and for all so that true justice and equity could prevail amongst all nations."[13]

A Message to the People of Japan

On November 9, 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed an audience of more than 100 Japanese dignitaries and guests at a special reception held at the Mielparque Hotel in Nagoya. During the event various dignitaries also took to the stage including Nagoya Mayor, Kawamura Takashi, Congressman Kudo Shouzo, and Member of City Parliament, Mr. Yoshiaki Shouji. During his address, Huzoor[aa] explained Islām's true and peaceful teachings; he condemned all forms of terrorism and extremism; he spoke movingly about the Japanese people and he appealed to Japan's leaders to strive for world peace.

Some of his messages in Japan are summarized below:

* "Islām's true teachings are so complete and beautiful that at every level they guide believers towards an enlightened path lit up with love, affection and brotherhood."
* "The Arabic word from which the word 'Islām is derives, means to spread peace and security and to spread compassion and love. These teachings form the reality of Islām. Furthermore, Allāh commands Muslims to not only adopt these attributes themselves but also to spread peace, love and affection throughout the world."
* "The teachings of Ahmadiyya Community are not a new form of Islām or a different teaching, rather these are the teachings of the Founder of Islām, the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]."
* "Our mosques are symbols of peace and beacons of light that illuminate their surroundings… Our Mosques are not built to cause any pain to mankind, but on the contrary are built for the sake of protecting and loving all people."
* "The Japanese nation and its leaders understand the necessity for world peace more than any other people. You comprehend the full devastating effects of nuclear weapons and the carnage that ensues. You are the people who know better than any other the horrific consequences of modern warfare."
* "In my capacity as the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, I have been constantly warning the people and nations of the world that it is imperative that we spread love and affection in today's world, rather than spreading hatred and igniting grievances amongst one another."
* "Rather than looking at each other through a lens of hatred, we should all look at one another through a lens of love and peace… I pray that instead of spreading malice and hatred, all parties join

together and make a collective effort to end all forms of evil, so that our future generations can be saved from that indescribable destruction that would certainly arise if nuclear weapons were ever used again by any country."[14,15]

Address at the Military Headquarters in Koblenz Germany

Huzoor[aa] was invited to deliver a lecture on Islām at the Military Headquarters in Koblenz, Germany. Huzoor[aa] spoke on the topic of national loyalty. He said, "I truly love God, and Islām requires a person to love his nation. It is quite clear, therefore, that there can be no conflict of interest between a person's love for God and love for his country." Furthermore Huzoor[aa] added, "According to Islām's teachings, God Almighty has forbidden all forms of treachery or rebellion, whether against one's country or one's government. This is because rebellion or acting against the state is a threat to the peace and security of a nation."[16]

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Views and Opinions of Dignitaries

On Various Addresses by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa

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When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa made keynote address to the House of Commons, UK

- **Foreign Office Minister Gillian Merron MP said:** "The work of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is extremely important - it gives a voice to those who are marginalized in their own societies. Today we see a unique perspective brought to our work on human rights, particularly of freedom of religion. Through your contribution, our human rights policy is stronger and better."
- **Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government the Rt. Hon Hazel Blears MP said:** "The basis of values of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were tremendously important. The community motto, Love for All, Hatred for None, was a simple way of encapsulating a powerful message."
- Further messages were delivered by Lord Eric Avebury, Dominic Grieve MP, Alan Keen MP, Simon Hughes MP, and Cllr Louise Hyams the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa Spoke at Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

- **The first Muslim Congressman, Keith Ellison** said that the United States was "honoured by the presence of His Holiness" and he said that under the leadership of its Khalīfa, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was proving to be a 'true blessing for the people of the United States'.

Keith Ellison, the first Muslim Congressman

- **Congressman Brad Sherman** said that he would be introducing the Congressional Resolution welcoming His Holiness to the United States in the House of Representatives immediately after the event. He also said that His Holiness was "a model of tolerance for the entire world."
- **Katrina Lantos Swett, Chairwoman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** said that she felt the entire room was filled with a "special blessing and undoubtedly it is a reflection of the blessing His Holiness brings to the Capitol." She went on to speak about and condemn the continued persecution of Ahmadī Muslims in various countries.
- **Congressman Frank Wolf** welcomed Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad to the United States and

said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was ever ready to support all human rights efforts.

- **Congressman Mike Honda** spoke about his pleasure at meeting His Holiness privately the evening before at the Baitur Rahman Mosque. He said that he hoped that Ahmadīs remained forever safe in the United States so that they could continue to propagate their message of peace.

- **Democratic Leader, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi** said she was proud that such a bipartisan welcome had been given to Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad. She said the leadership of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad was characterised by "'wisdom and compassion." She further said that despite facing grave persecution, "His Holiness has refused to turn to bitterness or vengeance."

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed the European Parliament

- **Dr. Charles Tannock MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group,** said "Ahmadī Muslims are a welcome example of tolerance in the world." He condemned the persecution of Ahmadī Muslims in Pakistan and said "the Ahmadī motto of Love for All, Hatred for None is a welcome antidote to the extremist Jihadists."

- **Tunne Kelam MEP, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group,** said he was attending the event because it was an opportunity to "join in an aspiration for peace." He praised the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at for "rejecting all violence and terrorism" and pledged to support the Jamā'at globally.

- **Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group**, spoke of her long term relationship with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in the United Kingdom. She said that the Jamā'at's motto was 'an inspiration which we desperately need in the modern world.'

- **Claude Moraes MEP, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Friends of Ahmadiyya Muslims Group,** said the event had "attracted a bigger turnout than we get to any meetings at the European Parliament."

- **Jean Lambert MEP, Chair of European Parliament's South Asia Delegation**, said that she would pursue with the Pakistani Government the issue of Ahmadī Muslim voting rights. She said it was necessary that "all parties had the right to vote freely and without discrimination."

When Huzoor[aa] addressed the Opening Ceremony of Baitur Rahman Mosque, Vancouver

- **Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Associate Minister for Defence**, read out a message on behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper congratulating the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at on the opening of the new mosque.

- **Dr. Andrew Bennett, Ambassador of Canada's Office of Religious Freedom** said he was amazed "by the message of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and its commitment to Love for All, Hatred for None."

- **Lois Jackson, Mayor of the Corporation of Delta** said the Mosque had become "an instant landmark". She said it was "a great honour to have Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad in the city."

- **Mobina Jaffer, Senator from British Columbia** read out a message from Justin Trudeau, leader of Canada's Liberal Party in which he called the Mosque "a welcome addition" to British Colombia and Canada at large.

- **Judy Sgro, Member of Parliament**, said the fact that so many dignitaries were in attendance illustrated "the love and respect we all hold for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community." She said the Ahmadiyya Community was "an example for the entire world."

- **Jinny Sims, Member of Parliament**, said that if the Ahmadī motto of 'Love for All, Hatred for None' was adopted by all "the world will be a better place".

- **Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament**, said that the persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at "should not be forgotten." He said it was imperative that all parties worked together to ensure religious freedom for all people.

- **Rob Norris, Member of Legislative Assembly**, said he was **"humbled and honoured to take part in the celebration."** He said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at **"enriches our entire country."**

- **Manmeet Bhullar, Member of Legislative Assembly**, said meeting Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad marked a "profound moment" in his life. In a message to the Ahmadiyya Community he said "we are with you, just as you are with us."

- **Marilyn Iafrate, Councillor City of Vaughan**, said the local community was "very blessed" to have Ahmadī Muslims amongst them. She said the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was "totally devoted to giving back to their community."

- **Ron Starr, Councillor City of Mississauga**, announced that his council had decided to recognise May 18 as "Ahmadiyya Day". He said that in Ahmadī mosques there is "peace, hope and a recognition that by working together will make the world a better place."

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed the Reception at Los Angeles

Gavin Newsom, California Lieutenant Governor

- **Gavin Newsom, California Lieutenant Governor** said the presence of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad meant it was a **"special day"** and he thanked His Holiness for **"sowing the seeds of possibility to the entire world."** He also said the people of LA **"do not tolerate diversity, we celebrate it."**

- **U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley** praised His Holiness as: "One of the greatest ecumenical leaders of our time."

- **U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu** added, "I am here because His Holiness stands against terrorists and war."

- **U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass** said 'His Holiness is a transformative figure who has promoted peace and tolerance across the world."

- **Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff** said "Your Holiness, you are a worldwide spiritual leader. You have made a huge impact in all parts of the world and so we are all drawn to you today for the sake of wisdom."

- **Rt. Hon Ed Davey, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change said:** "It is a real privilege for us to host the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community today. We know well the amazing work His Holiness (Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad) does for the cause of peace and also the members of the Ahmadiyya Community. Thus it is absolutely fitting that so many MPs are here to thank you for being loyal and hard-working members of society."

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed the British Parliament for the second time in 2013

- **Rt. Hon Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister said:** "The most important values and ethos which the Ahmadiyya Community has steadfastly communicated to millions of people around the world is of course one of peace, of love and one of reconciliation and that is a message which is enduring, powerful at all times – amongst all ages and in all communities."

- **Rt. Hon Douglas Alexander, Shadow Foreign Secretary said:** "In a world of ever greater diversity and challenges that message of reconciliation is needed more than ever before. I want to place on record our admiration for the leadership you (Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad) have personally shown and collectively your community has shown, for the work you have done, the difference you have made and the service you continue to do not just for the members of the Ahmadiyya Community but being a powerful voice for tolerance, reconciliation and for peace. 'Love for All, Hatred for None' is a philosophy from which we can all benefit and from which we have a lot to learn in the years ahead."

- **Rt. Hon Theresa May, Home Secretary said:** 'His Holiness (Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad) has shown and continued to show that the only effective way of persuading extremists out of their poisonous convictions is peaceful dialogue. That is a message that you are giving around the world and it is a message we should all listen to and heed... I have every confidence that in another 100 years there will be a group of people celebrating 200 years of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Britain. Thank you for all that you have contributed here in the United Kingdom and not just here but also the message you are giving around the world."

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed in Singapore

- **Mr. Lee Koon Choy**, founding member of the ruling People's Action Party stated that he had seen how Islām's name had been tarnished over the previous decades and so he appreciated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was highlighting the true and peaceful nature of Islām to the world.

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed Reception in Australia

- **Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, representing Prime Minister Tony Abbott MP**, welcomed Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] to Australia and said that she had been particularly pleased to listen to a previous address given by him in Germany calling for "loyalty and faithfulness to one's nation."

- **Victor Dominello MP (Minister for Citizenship and Communities)** read a message from NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell welcoming Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad to the State. In his message he said, "It was a great honour for New South Wales

to host such a 'venerable spiritual leader'. His Holiness then presented Mr. Dominello with a cheque for $20,000 to help those affected by the bushfires."

- **Phillip Ruddock MP (Federal Member for Berowra) said:** "I want to assure His Holiness that his flock is very welcome here in Australia. The presence of so many MPs here tonight is a demonstration of the respect that Ahmadīs are held in Australia. Your Holiness, we will happily welcome you back many, many times."
- **Ed Husic MP (Federal Member for Chifley) said**: "Your Holiness it is an honour to spend time with you and to welcome you to Australia. When you leave Australia you can be rightly proud of your community here because the Ahmadīs are exemplary citizens of this country. Your visit will be remembered and treasured for years to come."
- **John Robertson MP (Leader of the Opposition & Shadow Minister for Western Sydney)** said: "It is an absolute honour and privilege to share time with Your Holiness because he walks the world stage with a very powerful message of faith and peace. You are so well respected across the entire globe for calling for peace and tolerance. It is leaders like you who will impact the future of the world. We need more leaders like you because only through voices like yours will stability develop in the world. You are the voice of peace, of hope and of courage."
- **Kevin Conolly MP (State Member for Riverstone) who received Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] at the airport on 1st October 2013 said:** "It is memorable for New South Wales to be able to receive a leader of the stature of His Holiness. Certainly, Ahmadī teachings emphasising 'Love for All, Hatred for None' are very welcome here in Australia."
- **David Clarke MLC (Members of Legislative Council for New South Wales) said:** "Ahmadī Muslims are good and Godly people and they are good because they are godly. We praise and honour Your Holiness for conveying the message of peace across the world… In Australia there will always be full freedom for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Never will we tolerate even a single hair on the head of an Ahmadī being harmed. God bless the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community."

When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] addressed the Parliament of New Zealand

- **Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, MP, said:** "It is our privilege to have His Holiness Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad here in New Zealand's Parliament and to listen to have his wisdom and to listen to his thoughts."
- **Dr. Rajen Prasad, MP, said:** "It is a pleasure to welcome His Holiness to the New Zealand Parliament. I have always been very impressed at how Ahmadīs live their lives as citizens of the nation and practice their message of peace."

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O ye who believe! fear Allāh, and say the right word. (33:71)

Over the past several years, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper) has been actively communicating his concerns via letters to the heads and leaders of several nations; informing them of lack of peace and justice and the rise in intolerance across nations with an imminent threat of a third world war. Ranging from Pope Benedict the XVI to King Abdulla of Saudi Arabia and many presidents and prime ministers of the world, Huzoor[aa] sent recurring messages pertaining to the handling of conflicts and tensions with peace, negotiation, tolerance, and love of humanity. These letters underline the urgent need for the establishment of peace, the lack of which could mount tensions in the world to a breaking point and ruin humankind.

In these letters, Huzoor[aa] asks all leaders to take this matter very seriously since the effects and aftermath of an atomic war will not be limited to just the immediate devastation, rather, the long-term effects will result in future generations being born disabled or with defects. "Thus, expend all your energies, capabilities and resources in the effort to save humanity from such dreadful consequences."

In analyzing these letters one realizes the similarities that these letters have with the letters that the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] sent to the heads of states in his time, inviting them to the teachings of Islām and to the letter of the Promised Messaih[as] to Queen Victoria, the monarch in his time, inviting her to the teachings of Islām.

Each one of these letters is unique within itself but also shares similarities as they were written in the same precept. These letters are very direct; they get right to the heart of the problem, identify it and with a convincing urgency display the consequences to the reader. Huzoor[aa] does not shy away in stating the truth in his letters. He boldly exposes the issues of social peace with relevance to the national head he is addressing and presents the solution to social justice and world peace by the beautiful teachings of Islām. We will humbly go through these letters in the following lines highlighting some excerpts from each of them.

Huzoor[aa] begins each letter by addressing the head of the state by his full title and name. He then states the

The list of letters and their Recipients

- Letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict the XVI
- Letter to the Prime Minister of Israel
- Letter to the President of the Islāmic Republic of Iran
- Letter to the President of the United States of America
- Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada
- Letter to the Custodian of the Two Holy Places, the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Letter to the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China
- Letter to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- Letter to the Chancellor of Germany
- Letter to the President of the French Republic
- Letter to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Realms
- Letter to the Supreme Leader of the Islāmic Republic of Iran

purpose of his letter, explicitly describing why he felt that it is important to communicate his concerns to this particular dignitary. For example, in his letter to the President of Iran on March 7, 2012 Huzoor[aa] begins his letter stating,

> "In light of the perilous state of affairs emerging in the world, I felt that it was essential for me to write to you, as you are the President of Iran, and thus you hold the authority to make decisions which will affect the future of your nation and the world at large."

In a similar letter to **King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia**, Huzoor[aa] reminds him of his high status in Muslim world and the responsibilities that he has to bear in that unique position. Huzoor[aa] states,

"Today, I am writing to you with the intention of raising a most important matter, because as the custodian of the two Holy Places and the King of Saudi Arabia, you hold a very high station in the Muslim Ummah. For located within your country are the two holiest sites in Islām, Makkah Al-Mukarramah and Madinah Al-Munawwarah, which to love constitutes a part of the faith of Muslims. These sites are also the centres of spiritual progress for and are greatly revered by Muslims. In this light, all Muslims and Muslim governments confer special status upon you. This status requires that on the one hand, you should properly guide the Muslim Ummah and on the other, you should strive to create an atmosphere of peace and harmony within Muslim countries."

Huzoor[aa] then leads on to introduce himself and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah[as]. In countries where the Jamā'at has established roots, Huzoor[aa] keeps the introduction brief while a detailed description of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is given where the need is felt.

In a letter to **the Prime Minister of China**, Huzoor[aa] wrote on April 9, 2012:

"The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is that sect in Islām which firmly believes that the Messiah and Reformer, who was destined to appear in this age as the Mahdi for the guidance of Muslims, as the Messiah for the guidance of Christians and as a guide for the reformation of all mankind, has indeed arrived in accordance with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and thus we have accepted him. His name was Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) from Qādiān, India. In accordance with God Almighty's command, he laid the foundation for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in 1889. By the time he passed away in 1908, hundreds of thousands of people had joined the fold of the Community. After his demise, the institution of Khilāfat was established. Currently, we are in the era of the 5th Khilāfat, and I am the 5th Khalīfa of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)".

Where relevant, Huzoor[aa] reflected upon the strong history of the nations. For example in his letter to the Prime Minister of Israel, on February 26, 2012, Huzoor[aa] drew his attention to his nation's history of prophethood and warned him.

Huzoor[aa] stated,

"The history of your nation is closely linked with prophethood and Divine revelation. Indeed, the Prophets of the Children of Israel made very clear prophecies regarding your nation's future. As a result of disobedience to the teachings of the Prophets and negligence towards their prophecies, the Children of Israel had to suffer difficulties and tribulations. If the leaders of your nation had remained firm in obedience to the Prophets, they could have been saved from enduring various misfortunes and adversities. Thus, it is your duty, perhaps even more so than others, to pay heed to the prophecies and injunctions of the Prophets."

Similarly in the letter to the **President of United States Barrack Obama** written on March 8, 2012, Huzoor[aa] candidly pointed out the reason of World War II and current threat to world peace, He wrote,

"As we are all aware, the main causes that led to the Second World War were the failure of League of Nations and the economic crisis, which began in 1932. Today, leading economists state that there are numerous parallels between the current economic crisis and that of 1932.

We observe that political and economic problems have once again led to wars between smaller nations, and to internal discord and discontentment becoming rife within these countries. This will ultimately result in certain powers emerging to the helm of government, who will lead us to a world war. If in the smaller countries conflicts cannot be resolved through politics or diplomacy, it will lead to new blocs and groupings to form in the world. This will be the precursor for the outbreak of a Third World War. Hence, I believe that now, rather than focusing on the progress of the world, it is more important and indeed essential, that we urgently increase our efforts to save the world from this destruction."

Huzoor[aa] wrote a similar letter to **Mr. Stephen Harper the Prime Minister of Canada**. In his letter on the same date, Huzoor[aa] acknowledged that Canada is thought to be the most just country of the world and that the Ahmaddiya Muslim Jamā'at has special ties of friendship with the people of Canada.

Huzoor[aa] advised Canada to support World Peace and stated the tribulations of the contrary. He stated:

"Thus, it is my humble request to you that use all your energy and efforts to prevent a Third World War from occurring. There should be no doubts in our minds that if we fail in this task then the effects and aftermath of such a war, will not be limited to only the poor countries of Asia, Europe and the Americas; rather, our future generations will have to bear the horrific consequences of our actions and children everywhere in the world will be born disabled or deformed. They will never forgive their elders who led the world to a global catastrophe. Instead of being concerned for only our vested interests, we should consider our coming generations and strive to create a brighter future for them."

Huzoor[aa] also reminds the dignitaries their duty to their nation. An example is the letter to David Cameron Prime Minister of United Kingdom, dated April 15th 2012, where Huzoor[aa] states:

"It is my request that at every level and in every direction we must try our level best to extinguish the flames of hatred. Only if we are successful in this effort, will we be enabled to guarantee brighter futures for our generations to come. However, if we fail in this task, there should be no doubt in our minds that as result of nuclear warfare, our future generations everywhere will have to bear the horrific consequences of our actions and they will never forgive their elders for leading the world into a global catastrophe. I again remind you that Britain is also one of those countries that can and does exert influence in the developed world as well as in developing countries. You can guide this world, if you so desire, by fulfilling the requirements of equity and justice. Thus, Britain and other major powers should play their role towards establishing world peace."

In response to this letter the Prime Minister of the UK, Mr. David Cameron wrote,

"I welcome the continued activism of groups like the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on these profoundly important issues. ... We share with you the ultimate goal of a world without nuclear weapons, and we are working hard to make that goal a reality.... I would like to reassure you that the Government will continue to work towards creating a safe and stable world where Britain and others are able to relinquish their nuclear weapons."

Through these letters Huzoor[aa] brings attention to joint efforts in establishing world peace, for example, Huzoor[aa] states in his letter to **Chancellor of Germany Ms. Angela Merkel** on April 15th 2012,

Huzoor[aa] exposed the division between the Muslim and Non-Muslim world where it is relevant to the addressee, e.g., Huzoor[aa] states in his letter to **the President of France Seno`r Palais de l'Elysee** on May 16th 2012,

"The animosity that some extremist so-called Muslims already hold towards the West might lead them to reacting in an inappropriate manner, which would lead to further religious intolerance and dissention. Islām, however, is a peace-loving religion, which does not teach us to do wrong, bu to stop something wrong. We, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, follow this principle and believe in peaceful solutions to all matters."

Huzoor[aa] wrote letters to the global leaders such as The Pope, Queen Elizabeth and Ayatollah Khomeini, the Supreme Head of Iran. In these letters he acknowledged that these celebrities have a wider audience and a large population of followers and so urged them to play their role in establishing world peace.

In his letter to **the Pope Benedict the XVI,** Huzoor[aa] states,

"As you have an influential voice in the world, I urge you to also inform the wider world that by placing obstacles in the way of the natural balance established by God, they are moving rapidly towards annihilation. This message needs to be conveyed further and wider than ever before and with much greater prominence. All the religions of the world are in need of religious harmony and all the people of the world need a spirit of love, affection and brotherhood to be created."

Huzoor[aa] further stated that:

"If any Church or other place of worship stands in need of protection, they will find us standing shoulder to shoulder with them. If any message resonates from our mosques it will only be that of Allāh is Great and that we bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Him and Muhammad[sa] is the Messenger of Allāh."

In his letter **to Ayatollah Syed Ali Hosseini Khomeini**, Huzoor[aa] pointed out to him his role as a leader of a large Muslim Population. He stated,

"As the spiritual leader of a large Islāmic nation, I hope that you will come to agree that if the entire Muslim *Ummah* unites and works together, world peace can be established. We should not pointlessly add fuel to enmities and grudges, rather, we should search for opportunities to establish peace and tranquillity. Further, even enmity or opposition against others should not be devoid of justice. This is what we have been taught in the Holy Qur'ān. **"O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allāh, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be *always* just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allāh. Surely, Allāh is aware of what you do."** (5:9)

All of Huzoor's[aa] letters are concluded by prayers. The following excerpt is from the letter to **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Realms**, dated April 19, 2012 on the auspicious occasion of her 50th anniversary Celebration. Huzoor[aa] states,

"I shall conclude my letter with the following prayer for Her Majesty, which is virtually the same prayer that was offered by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for Her

Majesty, Queen Victoria: "O Powerful and Noble God! Through your Grace and Blessings keep our honoured Queen forever joyful, in the same way that we are living joyfully under her benevolent and benign rule. Almighty God! Be kind and loving to her, in the same way that we are living in peace and prosperity under her generous and kind rule."

Huzoor[aa] further states:

"Further, it is my prayer that may God the Exalted guide our honoured Queen in a manner that pleases Him. May God the Almighty also guide the progeny of Her Majesty to become established on the Truth and to guiding others towards it! May the attributes of justice and freedom continue to remain the guiding principles of the British Monarchy! I once again congratulate Her Majesty from my heart on this occasion of great joy. I present my heartfelt and sincere congratulations to our noble Queen".

Huzoor[aa] has a deeper understanding of world politics and he has fulfilled his duty as the Khalīfa of Islām in order to bring tolerance and Peace to the world. We conclude with this prayer from the letter that Huzoor[aa] wrote to the President of France. Huzoor[aa] prayed,

"It is my prayer that the leaders of the world act with wisdom and do not allow mutual enmities between nations and people on a small-scale to erupt into a global conflict. May God the Exalted enable you, and all world leaders, to comprehend this message!" Amīn!

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A Review of Annual Ahmadiyya Peace Symposiums from 2004 - 2013

Messages delivered by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allāh be his Helper) to

Make this world a peaceful and safe place for all humanity

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Introduction

Islām focuses on securing peace in every sphere of human activity. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is dedicated to establishing peace at all levels through the promotion and dissemination of basic Islāmic values. Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa is the world's leading Muslim figure promoting peace and inter-religious harmony in every sphere of life. Through his sermons, lectures, books, communiqués, personal meetings and through all forms of print and digital media, Huzooraa has led a worldwide campaign to convey the peaceful message of Islām to the entire world.

In 2004, His Holiness Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa launched the first National Peace Symposium in which guests from all walks of life came together to exchange ideas on the promotion of peace and harmony. Since then these Peace Symposiums have been organized annually by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in UK. Every year, the event attracts many delegates including serving ministers, parliamentarians, politicians, religious leaders and dignitaries.

This article will highlight the messages of peace given by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa at the occasion of the Annual Peace Symposiums over the last ten years from 2004-2013; the First Blessed Decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah!

1st Annual Peace Symposium 2004

Theme of First Symposium:

The theme of the symposium was Religion and Peace! All religions give message of peace. People from different denominations should continue to strive to bring peace to our world.

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date Held: March 25, 2004.

This was the first symposium held under the special peace imitative efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community under the blessed guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul -Masīh Vaa. Huzooraa explained the need for religion to achieve world peace. He explained how religion and peace are mutually complimentary and reflected on the beautiful principles which Islām lays for achieving world peace.

Huzoor[aa] addressing the first Peace Symposium in 2004.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] called the world to recognize Islāmic views on world peace. He said:

"My concept in view of the teachings of Islām is to be in peace, let others be in peace and spread the message of peace by winning the hearts and not by dictating or imposing our own conditions."

Huzoor[aa] presented the beautiful reference from the Holy Qur'ān and teachings of the founder of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islām.

"Whosoever killed a person – unless it be for *killing* a person or for creating disorder in the land – it shall be as if he had killed all mankind. (5:33)

Explaining this verse, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad Qādiāni, the Promised Messiah[as] says:

"A person who kills a person unfairly or who kills someone who had neither rebelled, nor became a source of violating peace amongst the people nor created disorder in the land, it is as if he has killed the whole of mankind. In other words to kill a person without any cause is, according to God Almighty, like the murder of the entire human race. It is obvious from this verse, how big a sin it is to take the life of another person without reason." (Lecture Chashma-e-Ma`rifat pg. 23-24: Commentary by the Promised Messiah Vol.2: pg.405)

In conclusion, Huzoor[aa] also stated: "In my view, we who are gathered here from different schools of thought and from different Religious denominations, should continue our effort in bringing back the peace and should not stop our effort until we establish peace in the world or at least we raise our voice in bringing peace in the world whenever we get chance to do so."[1]

2nd Annual Peace Symposium 2005

Theme of the Symposium: Recognize Your Creator! Peace can only be secured when the world will recognize the Lord who created him.

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date held: March 22, 2005

While addressing to the 2nd Annual Peace Symposium Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] called upon everyone to recognize their Lord Who created them. In order to establish peace and for sake of compassion to mankind, it is essential for the world to recognize the Creator Who created it.

Huzoor[aa] commented that despite heightened concern for the state of the world today, the situation is worsening. The effort of so-called world peace champions are of no avail. Huzoor[aa] explained that in his opinion, the most important reason for unrest in the world is that man has stopped following the commandments and guidance of God or has begun to interpret these teachings according to self-interests. All the prophets, and the messengers of God who came into this world taught the people who believed in them to follow the commands of God, the final piece of this jigsaw was put in place by the Holy Prophet[sa].

Huzoor[aa] stated:

"…Is there any religion in the world that states that man should be cruel and unkind to His creations? This is also a concept in Islām — the commands of God are to worship God and to take care of His creation, look after mankind in such a way that even if there is enmity between you and another people, even if they have been cruel towards you and they don't even give you

> "Whosoever killed a person… It shall be as if he had killed all mankind."
>
> — *The Holy Qur'ān (5:33)*

the right to live, even when you get a chance to take your revenge it should NOT instigate you to match their cruelty.

Do not exercise your vengeance against an ordinary person living in your towns and cities nor kill its innocent women and children. If you do this you will not be believers of God. Remember also not to be cruel to a nation who neither caused you any harm nor to an ally of yours. If it caused you some harm it does not mean that instead of fighting with its government regime or its force, you begin to show your enmity even against citizens, children and its women. God teaches us never to be so unfair because this distances you from justice. Righteousness means that you have fear of God to your heart and then you should act strictly in accordance with justice because, God Almighty can see everything and is fully aware of what you do."

Huzoor[aa] further said:

"If the world begins to recognize its Creator, we can end hatred in the world. **There are two orders in the Holy Qur'ān; one is the unity and obedience of God and second is the kindness to one's brothers and fellow human beings**."

He said: "All your energy should be used in spreading peace and unity in the world; be kind to its people, do not cause cruelty to anyone, work for the well-being of mankind, do not be arrogant to anyone, do not abuse anyone even if he abuses you, be humble and kind to the creation, while being rich, help the poor."[2]

3rd Annual Peace Symposium 2006

Theme of Symposium: Freedom of Speech and Tolerance in Islām

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date held: March 25-2006

Responding to the publication of blasphemous caricatures in a Danish newspaper and concept of freedom of speech, Huzoor[aa] said: "We Muslims believe that there have been 124,000 messengers who have come to the world. They identified the One God and taught man to live in love and affection with each other. The last person to bring a new Law and teaching was Hazrat Muhammad[sa]. In other words, a Muslim believes in all prophets and reformers from Adam to Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allāh be upon them all."[3]

4th Annual Peace Symposium 2007

Theme of Symposium: True Peace Can Only Be Established with True Justice

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date held: March 24, 2007

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] began this year's symposium by stating that people all over the world, whether they be Atheists, Polytheists, or Monotheists, are worried that the notion of peace is quickly disappearing. Man, who considers himself to be educated and civilized, is reverting back to an era of ignorance when false pride, ego, and barbaric acts caused entire dynasties to fall.

Huzoor[aa] said: "In the world today, there are groups that go to a great extent to be kind to animals and protect their rights, yet in this same world we have the human race, who Allāh Almighty has established as the most superior of all species, also letting other humans starve and die without basic rights."

Huzoor[aa] went on to state that similar to the League of Nations, today, the U.N. also seems to be failing to fulfill the requirements of justice. They seem to have different standards for different countries and continents. Most of the resolutions passed have been based on

expediency and partisanship. The founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, The Promised Messiah[as] said **"Justice cannot be achieved without truthfulness. Your enmity towards other nations should not prevent you from dealing with justice."** Punishing nations that have gone beyond all cruelty is permissible but only until the cruelty ceases and justice does not allow us to transgress beyond that. When economic sanctions are put in place against such countries, mainly the poor are caused to suffer; children get caught in a tug-of-war ground in the millstone of hunger and poverty among both internal and external enemies. Until equity is implemented, this cannot bring peace to the world.

Huzoor[aa] reminded the audience that all prophets brought peaceful messages to the world and we cannot blame the teachings nor the teachers for causing disorder. In Holy Qur'ān, it is mentioned that it is Allāh Who establishes peace on earth and provides security, so how can it be, that this same Creator can like the opposite? It is by loving the Creator alone that can we love His creation. It cannot be that we fight for our rights but usurp the rights of others, and thus, true peace can only be established with true justice.[4]

5th Annual Peace Symposium 2008

Theme of Symposium: Respecting Religious Differences brings World Peace!

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date held: March 29, 2008

Huzoor[aa] explained why the topic of respecting religious differences is important in today's world.

He mentioned that in this age, when certain powers are engaged in destroying peace and when ill-feelings against each other are being sparked unnecessarily and walls of hatred are being erected, this objective is all the more important.

Pointing at the pluralistic values of all religions, Huzoor[aa] stated:
"There is no religion in the world – be it Islām, or Christianity, or Hinduism or for that matter any other faith – that advocates the destruction of peace. Every person likes peace and hates disorder."

Huzoor[aa] then went on to note how certain Muslim fractions around the world, through manipulation and gross misapplication, were tarnishing the true peaceful picture of Islām. He also mentioned that hostile acts of non-Muslims, such as spreading a false notion of the term Jihād, publishing disrespectful cartoons of our beloved Holy Prophet[sa], and quoting Qur'ānic verses out of context, were harming—not helping—the cause of peace.

Huzoor[aa] referred to the way the Holy Qur'ān addresses humanity. He stated:

"It is easy to spread hate but very difficult to sow the seeds of love", he said, but **"The Holy Qur'ān does not say that you are raised for the good of Muslims but says for the good of mankind. The beliefs of the one who believes in God will be real only when he enjoins good, spreads good and forbids evil."**

In light of these teachings, Huzoor[aa] expounded on the need to help the poor and eradicate poverty. Whether it was through water pump installations, food, education, or economic progress, it was the duty of everyone to bind together for this cause as providing basic necessities to the poor will also lead the world towards peace.[5]

6th Annual Peace Symposium 2009

Theme of Symposium: Ways of Removing Hatred, at Individual and National Levels. Islāmic principles of

patience, courage and justice must be shown even during war to save mankind.

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque, London

Date held: March 21, 2009

Huzoor[aa] said that Islām teaches ways of removing hatred at every level. If we analyse the situation at an individual and national level then many problems arise because man has seized to exercise patience , as a result people begin to think ill of each other and then morals become evils and others are deprived of their due.

Huzoor[aa] quoted from the Holy Qur'ān: **"and whatever good you send on before you for yourselves, you shall find it with Allāh; surely, Allāh sees all that you do." (2:111)**

Allāh states in chapter 16 verse 127,

"If you *desire* to punish *the oppressor* then punish them to the extent to which you have been wronged, but if you show patience then surely that is the best for those who are patient."

Huzoor[aa] said that "patience is one virtue with an extremely important value because in the Holy Qur'ān God Almighty has stated that he loves those who show patience. Normally the world considers patience to be a cowardly quality but as quoted above it has been taught as a virtue in the context of warfare. It may seem strange that there can be war and patience at the same time because if bloodshed is apparently permissible during war then how can war and patience co-exist? Humanity should have learned its lesson but the people of today are failing to learn from the mistakes of the past. Even those who call themselves Muslims are shedding blood as are those working on the pre-text of establishing peace. Allāh the Almighty says that patience, courage and justice must be shown to save mankind."

Huzoor[aa] said, "as Allāh the Almighty says in the Holy Qur'ān, in order to fulfill the requirements of justice one must make honest efforts for reconciliation in disputes. Justice means absolute justice and that can only occur when your hearts are purified to the extent that no element of malice whatsoever remains."

"Every person should pray and try their utmost to help achieve peace, likewise governments and prominent officials of the UN must ensure that betterment of the economy should not be in the shape of what is called the war economy and not repeat the mistakes of the 1929 crisis. Governments and providers of capital and the UN should understand their responsibilities; these are to fulfill the requirements of justice and to give due regard to the rights of each other. They should think deliberately and find the solutions based on justice. They should selflessly endeavor to establish peace and most importantly they should fulfill the rights owed to their Creator and avoid His displeasure."[6]

Comments of Dignitaries at the 6th Peace Symposium:

Dignitaries attending the 6th Annual Peace Symposium had this to say about it.

Siobhan Mc Dounugh, Member of Parliament said that "Islām is not just a religion, it's a way of life. Its purpose is not simply to encourage individuals to believe in the Divine, but to provide a framework through which they can lead their lives." She said, "We all agree that your community provides an exemplary model in this area. You have demonstrated a strong commitment to social justice and you have committed yourself both in terms of time and money to be a part of the local community. It's truly an honour to witness your loyalty and commitment to justice and fair play, both in your faith and practice here in British society."

Chris Grayling, Member of Parliament, said that "[Huzoor[aa]'s] speech was very important. He was absolutely right we should learn some lesson from history. He is a very thoughtful man, and very inspiring for the community here."

Justin Greening, Member of Parliament, said that "Your community is playing a leading role and it creates a huge amount of respect in the general community for what the Ahmadiyya Community is doing."

Baroness Emma Nicholson, said that "The way in which Ahmadiyya people behave is the strongest, most powerful instrument of peaceful co-existence that I know. That is the reason I so utterly work against the Blasphemy law in Pakistan and Blasphemy laws in other countries and to give peace, tolerance and freedom of worship to everyone in their respective ways. She praised the Ahmadiyya Community and their commitment to faith saying, You were 72 members in 1892 and now you are 130 million strong, just on the single message of LOVE."

Variender Sharma, Member of Parliament said, "I feel proud and privileged that I come from a country where the foundation of your faith was laid, India." He said, "My personal district is not so far from Gurdaspur, Qādiān. So I feel very closely associated with the community and the message given by His Holiness today was very clear, is a true message of humanity." He further said, "We all feel proud to be part of this not only this evening but certainly will continue the association in the long run so we can have peace and harmony in the society."

Councillor Brendon Hudson Sutton said, "I was never ever in the mosque before and I enjoyed going around looking at the prayer room and seeing how peaceful and how respectful everybody was, and of course enjoyed the peace reception here and speeches, especially the speech by His Holiness. He had a lot of important things to say, and he was so right about the credit crunch and the Western governments not acting quickly enough."

Councillor Krysia Williams said, "The most impressive thing that I have found is the way that the Ahmadiyya work so hard to open up their own community to the people of Morden. They work hard to bring the true message of Islām and to explain the main tenants of Islām rather than others who proceed into more aggressive activities."

Another Guest said:

"What I particularly like about your leader is that he speaks in a completely egoless kind of way. He just tells the truth about the situation in the world. I thought that it was very rare to hear a public speech that actually pointed clearly at so many of the real problems that won't shift, because governments don't have the integrity and the Western interest doesn't have the integrity to really let people have freedom and justice. So I thought it was excellent."

7th Annual Peace Symposium 2010

Theme of Symposium: Government Interference into Individual's Lives – An Obstacle to World Peace

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque in Morden

Date held: March 20, 2010

At the 7th Peace Conference Huzoor[aa] discussed major obstacles to long-lasting peace. Societies as well as individuals, desire peace but this is becoming harder for us to achieve due to ongoing violence and injustice in the world. One of these issues is unnecessary government interference into the lives of individual. For example, Huzoor[aa] spoke about the Hijāb ban and minaret bans

Huzoor[aa] addressing the audience of Annual Peace Symposium, 2010.

that were being discussed by some European governments at that time. Huzoor[aa] said,

"Will a woman wearing or not wearing a veil affect the economy of any country or the world? Will the wearing or not wearing of a veil or having or not having a minaret affect the moral values of a country or will it lead to a recognition of the Creator? Will the wearing or not wearing of a veil or having or not having a minaret improve or harm the peace of the world?"[7]

8th Annual Peace Symposium 2011

Theme of Symposium: Causes of Unrest in Arab world and North African Countries; a reminder about fundamental basis for peace; truth and justice, failure to heed this would lead to dissent.

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque in Morden

Date held: March 26, 2011

During his keynote address, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] spoke about the causes underpinning the current political turmoil sweeping through many Arab and North African countries, about Britain's long term pursuit of tolerance and justice, the failure of the United Nations to fulfil its mandate, the restrictions placed upon Muslims in certain countries and the continued peaceful reaction of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in the face of the bitterest persecution in various countries. His Holiness said that the fundamental basis for peace was truth and justice and failure to heed this would lead to dissent.

He said: "In short, the disorder taking place these days in the world, whether on a national or international scale, is based upon just one factor -- and that is a complete lack of justice which is causing anxiety and restlessness to develop. The question arises that how can the present situation in the world be resolved. It is through the development of a relationship with God and exhibiting the truth."

Huzoor[aa] concluded saying that despite such cruelties and injustices the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at never responded with anything other than with peace. He said: "We have always implemented the teaching of Islām that you should never take the law into your own hands and always keep the best interests of your country in view and never create disorder, because this is a requirement of true love for your country. Wherever in the world Ahmadīs reside, no matter which country they originate from, be they Asian, or African, or Arab or European or American, their behaviour is always the same. For the sake of attaining Allāh's pleasure they always steer clear of all forms of disorder. And this is the conduct that one day will not only save the world from anarchy, in fact it will be its guarantor for world peace."[8]

9th Annual Peace Symposium 2012

Theme of Symposium: "International Peace" The Devastating Consequences of Nuclear War and Critical Need of Absolute Justice

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque in Morden

Date held: March 24, 2012

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], reminded the world to orient their hearts and minds towards promoting peace and to eliminate all forms of bias and discrimination. Huzoor[aa] delivered Ahmadiyya Muslim point of view as follows:

"As far as the Ahmadiyya Community is concerned, wherever and whenever the opportunity arises, we openly express and declare our view that there is only one way to save the world from the destruction and devastation that it is heading towards, and that is that we must all endeavour to spread love, affection and a sense of community. Most importantly, the world must come to recognize its Creator, Who is the One God. This is because it is the recognition of the Creator that leads us towards love and compassion for His Creation,

and when this becomes part of our character, it is then that we become recipients of God's Love."

"However, what I wish to say is that merely delivering or listening to a speech or lecture is not enough and will not lead to peace being established. In fact, the key requirement to fulfilling this primary goal is absolute justice and fairness in all matters. The Holy Qur'ān, in Chapter 4, verse 136, has given us a golden principle and lesson, guiding us about this. It states that as a means to fulfil the requirements of justice, even if you have to bear witness and testify against yourself, your parents or your closest relatives and friends, then you must do so."

"This is true justice where personal interests are set aside for the common good. If we think about this principle at a collective level, then we will realise that unfair lobbying techniques based on wealth and influence should be abandoned. Instead, the representatives and ambassadors of each nation should come forward with sincerity and with a desire to support the principles of fairness and equality."

"It should be our objective, whilst remaining within the laws of the land, to continue to remind the government of the needs of the time. We must also properly advise those groups who have vested interests, so that at a global level, justice can prevail."

Huzoor[aa] also stated that the United Nations is key to establishing peace and it needs to become more active versus reactive in its approach to peace.

His Holiness reminded us of our individual responsibility to remind our governments, who hold influence, to raise our voice against cruelty and injustice.

Representatives of every nation should come forward with sincerity and promote principles of fairness and equality. In an effort to avoid the breakout of a nuclear war, instead adopting aggressive policies and using force to achieve objectives, nations should rather adopt policies that promote secure justice.[9]

Comments of Dignitaries at the 9th Peace Symposium:

Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden and Chair of the UK All Party Parliamentary Group for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, said that though progress had been made, there was still much to achieve in terms of making sure that all people around the world are granted religious freedom.

Rt. Hon Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, said that Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] was a "great leader for peace." He also spoke about the risk of climate change and its effects on food and water security in the world.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, thanked the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at for "contributing in so many ways" towards promoting peace and tolerance in London and bringing people together. He pledged to always support the Community and its charitable work.

Stephen Hammond MP read out a message from Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in which he praised the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at for promoting tolerance throughout Britain's communities.

Andrew Stunnell OBE MP said, "the UK Government greatly appreciated the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community towards promoting charitable works and community cohesion." He also said it was his first visit to the Baitul Futūh Mosque and he found it to be a "very impressive building."

Lord Eric Avebury said that "not enough was being done to prevent wars and conflicts." He said, "To simply walk away from such challenges would be "morally wrong." He further said that "despite being a victim of persecution in a number of countries, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was leading the way in striving for peace throughout the world."

Councillor Stephen Alambritis, Leader of Merton Council, said that the Council was "proud of the Ahmadiyya Mosque and proud of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community."

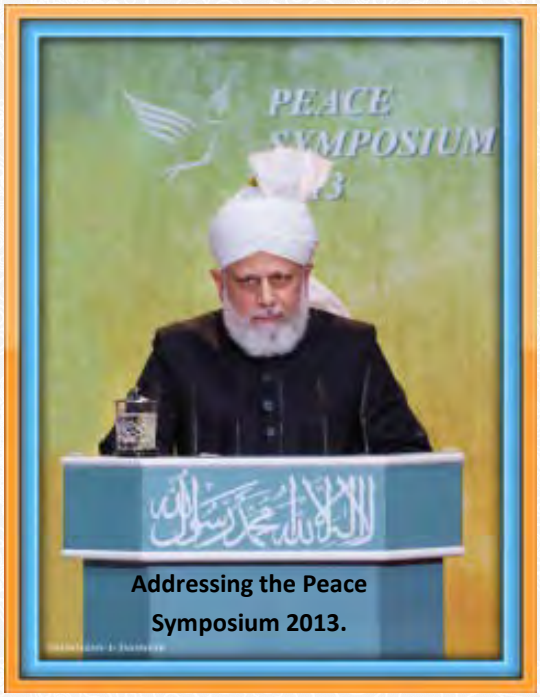
10th Annual Peace Symposium 2013

Theme of Symposium: Perilous state of the world and the impending threat of a nuclear war! World War is inevitable unless true justice prevails at all levels and all communities.

Venue: Baitul Futūh Mosque in London.

Date held: March 25, 2013

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa, Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, spoke about the perilous state of the world and the impending threat of a nuclear war. He said that it is not certain that warfare would remain restricted to Asia. Due to strained financial circumstances unrest is developing in Europe as well. He appealed for peaceful and fair talks between nations as a means to curb rising tensions and the threat of war.



Addressing the Peace Symposium 2013.

Huzooraa said:

"It is the duty of all powers to fulfil the requirements of justice and to unite together. All parties need to increase dialogue and open the lines of communication so that they can peacefully discuss the best means to solve the problems of the world."

Huzooraa said that Islām advocated fairness, equality and justice at all levels, but the majority of the world's Muslims have forgotten these teachings. He appealed for change to save society:

"If we want true peace and if we want to save the world from destruction then we must act with justice, integrity and be ever faithful to the truth." Huzooraa further said:

"To strive for peace is a noble ambition and is something that the world has always stood in great need of. If we look at the situation of the world today, we realise that now, more than ever, it is a pressing and urgent need of the time for us to seek and pursue peace and harmony in the world."

Huzooraa appreciated a recent proposal by Israel's President Shimon Peres regarding a solution for Syria's unrest to send a United Nations peacekeeping force made up solely of Arab soldiers. President Peres said that if Western nations or soldiers were to become directly involved it would be viewed as a Western invasion or as Western imperialism. Huzooraa pledged to continue to counsel all parties towards peace and justice. He said:

"I will, God willing, always continue to carry out my task and my responsibilities of promoting peace, tolerance, justice and compassion to the corners of the world. I will continue to tell all people that in order to be relieved of the pain and suffering that we face today, we must adopt true justice and equality."[10]

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Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is dedicated to establishing peace at all levels and to protect the basic human rights of all. In light of this it recognizes efforts made by anyone to advance the cause of peace.

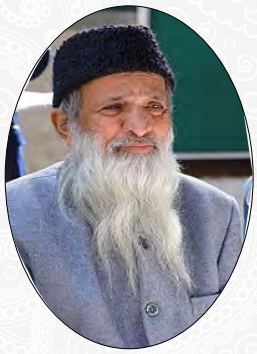
Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize is awarded in recognition of an individual's or an organization's contribution for the advancement of the cause of peace regardless of race, creed or color. Nominees may come from a variety of backgrounds depending upon their particular areas of interest and can include (but are not limited to) journalists, authors, scientists, academics, charity workers, religious leaders, lobbyists, business persons, parliamentarians and country leaders. The basis for nomination could be either long-standing service to a particular cause, or a major project/specific idea that has had significant impact. The Peace Prize was first started in 2009; the five people/organizations that have received the award so far are listed on this page.

2009 Recipient

Lord Eric Avebury

The Founder of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, in UK.

2010 Recipient



Abdul Sattar Edhi

The Founder and Head of the Edhi Foundation, a non-profit social welfare organization in Pakistan.

2011 Recipient

SOS Children's Villages, UK.

2012 Recipient

Dr. Boachie-Adjei

The Founder of the Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine (FOCOS)-a non-profit organization that has provided orthopaedic and spine care to thousands of underserved people in Ghana and Barbados.

2013 Recipient

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Founder and CEO of Mary's Meals UK, was awarded the Peace Prize in recognition of his outstanding efforts to provide food and education to hundreds of thousands of children in the developing world.

Defence of Islām Against Blasphemous Allegations

Publication of the Caricatures of the Holy Prophet[sa]
Reaction and Response to a Danish Opponent in his Enmity to Islām (Geert Wilders)
In USA, Qur'ān Burning Appeal by a Priest of a Church
Reaction of Jamā'at to a Blasphemous Film on YouTube (Innocence of Muslims)

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Islām: Present Opposition and Appropriate Responses

Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

"Alas for *My* servants! there comes not a Messenger to them but they mock at him." (36:31)

The words of this verse are full of pathos. Allāh, the Almighty Himself seems, as it were, to be full of grief over the rejection and mocking of his prophets by humans. Indeed, this has been the practice of humankind since the time of Adam[as]. Every single Prophet of God has been the subject of ridicule. This is one of the links of a chain that binds all Prophets together. And it is this link that also declares their truth. Since the greatest of all Prophets, the Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad[sa] is a prophet for all times and since he has been the most successful of all prophets, it is natural that he would be the most vehemently opposed.

In this article, we will explore some of the empty rhetoric against the Holy Prophet[sa] and how Jamā'at Ahmadiyya under the direct guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] has eloquently responded to these baseless allegations. Compared to the violent protests of the Muslim world, Huzoor[aa]'s responses have always been dignified, decorous, and tasteful — in accordance with the teachings of Islām and the practice of its Prophet[sa].

Publication of the Caricatures

On September 30, 2005, a Dutch newspaper, Jyllands-Postan, published twelve caricatures of the Holy Prophet[sa]. This news went viral around the globe. There was a huge wave of shock, anger and unrest in the Muslim world. According to Islām, making of the imaginary picture of the Holy Prophet[sa] is deemed a blasphemous act, so a caricature was even more repulsive.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] said: "Recently, newspapers in Denmark and some Western countries have published extremely foul and provocative caricatures with reference to the Holy Prophet[sa] that are inflammatory to the sentiments of Muslims. Due to this, a wave of indignation is running across the Muslim world. Each Muslim is reacting to this. Anyway, there had to be an expression of the inherent reaction to such an act." (Friday Sermon, February 10, 2006)

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, under the divine guidance of the 5th Successor to the Promised Messiah[as], Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] – and as directed

by him — displayed the true manner in which Muslims should react to such incidents. Instead of causing mischief and destruction to life and property, Ahmadī Muslims presented the exemplary teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] and highlighted his noble character through seminars and conferences and used peaceful means of voicing their protest by exercising the Jihād of pen (writing letters and articles to newspapers). Huzoor[aa] delivered a series of Friday Sermons in which he explicitly denounced the caricatures and the misuse of freedom of expression by the Western media, and also the disorderly reaction of certain Muslim groups. These sermons have been compiled in the form of a book titled the blessed model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and the caricatures.

He presented the beautiful model of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] and explained how a true Muslim should behave in such situations. Additionally, an article was prepared by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community which was also sent to the newspaper that had published the cartoons. Islām's real teachings were expounded as well as the appropriate manner in which to protest; namely through peaceful 'Jihād [struggle] of the Pen' to express disapproval and anguish at the publication of the images, rather than inflammatory public rallies. The article was published in the newspaper and the people of Denmark received it positively. The President of the Journalists' Union extended an invitation to the Ahmadiyya Community, where the matter was further explained. The Union were told of the beautiful teachings brought by the Holy Prophet[sa]; his high morals, tolerance, compassion for others and also his civility. Numerous meetings were held with ministers and others, articles published, and discussions took place where the correct teachings of Islām were explained. One cartoonist plainly stated that had such meetings taken place previously, and had he known what Islām truly stood for, he would never have made the caricature. (Review of Religions, February 2012)

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] prayed, "May Allāh grant Muslims the wisdom and sense, but I ask Ahmadīs, because the mainstream Muslims may not understand that each Ahmadī child, man, woman, aged and young, in reaction to the infamous sketches, should flare a fire that will never be quenched by anyone. A fire that should not burn the properties or flags and be put down in an instant. The other Muslims are burning a picture with much rage. Their fire will be put out soon. But our fire should flare forever. The fire of love of the Holy Prophet of Islām[sa]. The fire in which the true beneficial persona of the Holy Prophet[sa] could be seen by his opponents. This fire should always set ablaze in your chests and turn into prayers whose flame reaches the skies. Amīn!"

(Friday Sermon, February 10, 2006)

Geert Wilders: an Open Enemy of Islām

In recent years, a man from Holland, named Geert Wilders, came into view for his anti-Islāmic narrative. He is a politician, and Member of Parliament. He was born Catholic, but now has little interest in his own religion, although he is very vocal in his hatred towards Islām and its Holy Founder[sa]. He has tried (in vain indeed) to defame and mock noblest of the Prophets, the Holy Prophet[sa]. He advocates banning the veil (Hijāb) or implementing charges against it. He objects to every little thing relating to Islām, including the Holy Prophet[sa], the Qur'ān, and all Muslims. He is against Muslim immigration to his country and the building of any mosques. He posted the infamous caricatures on his website too. He consistently raises objections on Qur'ānic commands. He is the master mind and producer of the blasphemous film "Fitna".

In response to Geert Wilders, Huzoor[aa] stated in his sermon of February 23, 2007:

"For example, he says about the Holy Prophet[sa], that if he was in Holland at this time, he would have expelled him from the country for being a terrorist (God Forbid). What power do you have to expel ? You are, God willing, going to see the time when you will find a majority of followers of Muhammad[sa] everywhere.

From the time of the Holy Prophet's[sa] claim up until now, what efforts have not been made by his opponents? Have they succeeded? In the world today everywhere, in every country, whether the Muslims are in small numbers or large, 5 times every day, with a loud voice, if the name of any prophet is called out, it is the name of this person (Muhammad) "the mercy for all ages." (Friday Sermon, Feb. 23, 2007)

In the Friday Sermon of August 24, 2007, Huzoor[aa] mentioned that Geert Wilders' objection that the Holy Prophet[sa] was inclined to extremism with age is simply a reflection of his extreme bias. Huzoor[aa] said that clearly he had not read the Qur'ān, and was defacing history based on hearsay. Referring to the verse of Surah Al-Ma'idah (5:34), which allows for a strict dealing with the Jews and Christians, and verse (2:192) in isolation, Wilders accused the Qur'ān of advocating extremism. Thus, according to his logic, "half of it should be torn and discarded."

Responding to this, Huzoor[aa] said, "The chapter Al-Maidah of the Holy Qur'ān that was revealed in the final years of the Prophet's[sa] life in Medina, is all about stopping extremism and creating peace and harmony. Whereas his opponents accuse him for being harsher after migrating to Medina, this chapter clearly states, 'Do not let enmity of other nations compel you to injustice. Serve justice, it is nearer to piety.' Can anyone show such teachings in any other religion?"

These verses are about the rebellious non-Muslims of the Prophet[sa] time, and should be read within their historical context. They were not to be applied to all non-Muslims. Huzoor[aa] asked, "As a member of the Parliament, can Mr. Geert Wilders pass a law that would allow criminals to disobey and yet be free of any charges in his government?" Then why blame Islām and its Holy Founder for the actions of ignorant Muslims today? (Friday Sermon, August 24, 2007)

The Infamous film: "Fitna"

Geert Wilders wrote and commissioned, a short 15 minutes movie, called 'Fitna'. This movie was first released on March 27, 2008 on video-sharing website LiveLeak. In this film he full-fledged emptied the dust bin of his enmity against Islām and its Holy Founder[sa]. Very foul and insulting language was used against the holiest person of mankind. A despicable movie in which the author has done nothing but take Qur'ānic verses (most of them regarding war) out of context.

In response to this movie, Jamā'at did what their beloved Khalīfa has always directed them to do: Jihād of pen. Jamā'at wrote letters and articles to newspapers condemning this film and highlighting the point that in the movie, Qur'ānic verses were taken out of context and then showed along-side the worst videos and pictures of Muslim fanatics and misguided clerics brandishing their hostile version of Islām.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa]'s Warning to Geert Wilders

When visiting Holland in October 2011, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], issued a stark warning to Geert Wilders, and warned him that if he continued to defame Islām and the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] then he and other like-minded individuals would be humiliated by God Almighty.

Huzoor[aa] said that Wilders had exceeded all limits of falsehood and hatred in his opposition towards Islām, and was solely motivated by a desire to further his own political ambitions and so the time had come to warn him about the consequences of his actions. He said that irrespective of whether Wilders gained further political capital in the short term, ultimately his antics would lead only towards abject failure and humiliation.

Addressing Wilders directly, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] said: **"Listen carefully – You, your party and every other person like you will ultimately be destroyed. But the religion of Islām and the message of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] will remain forever. No**

worldly power, no matter how powerful and no matter how much hatred they bear towards Islām, will ever succeed in erasing our religion."

Huzoor[aa] explained that the destruction of such individuals would be achieved through prayer alone and not by any worldly means. He said: **"Always remember, that we can achieve nothing without prayer. We have no worldly power, nor will we ever use any worldly force. But the prayers of people whose hearts have been grieved are enough to shake the Heavens."** (Friday Sermon, Oct. 14, 2001)

Wilders took a small line of Huzoor's[aa] sermon out of context and sent it to the National Interior Ministry, claiming it incited violence against him. Further, he called for action to be taken against the Khalīfa and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Holland. Huzoor[aa] mentioned this in the Friday sermon of December 9, 2011:

"In terms of the questions that Wilders had posed, the government responded to them after a few days, which was also published in the newspapers. A question by Wilders, quoting my name and writing to the Minister, was "Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] has said that 'Listen carefully, you, your party and every other person like you will ultimately be destroyed'". Interpreting this quote himself he said, "What measures does the Interior Minister plan to take against this Islāmic organization calling for violence?"

The Interior Minister replied, "According to the press release [issued on Oct. 19, 2011], Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] said that such peoples and groups are not destroyed by disorder or violence or any other secular activities, but rather only through prayer. I do not see anything in this statement that incites disorder or violence or could be a cause for it. For this reason I see no reason whatsoever to take measures against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community." Hence, this was his reply. This, therefore, is the justice displayed by these people. (Friday Sermon, December 9, 2011)

Following Huzoor's[aa] stern warning, Wilders and his political parties' downward spiral started. During the 2012 Dutch elections, to the surprise of many, Wilders' party lost one-third of its previously held seats. Indeed, the words of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] have started coming true, and the world will see how Wilders bears the fruits of his deeds in this very world. Insha'Allāh.

Qur'ān Burning Episode

The Muslim world's anger and unrest had not settled and the effect of the previous wave of frustration had yet not waned when some ill-minded people decided to show their enmity against Islām. In August 2010, a pastor named Terry Jones from USA called for a "Qur'ān Burning Day" on the anniversary of September 11. For all Muslims, the very idea of their most Holy Book being burned is highly painful. Though for some people of the world, a person who burns the Qur'ān may become instantly world famous and somewhat of a hero for a few days. However, he is definitely going to be seized by the wrath of Allāh.

Addressing the issue, Huzoor[aa] said in his Friday Sermon of August 20, 2010:

"The situation that we are facing today, the Holy Qur'ān has guided us about it 1400 years ago. The people that are trying to burn the Holy Qur'ān do not know that this source of light and guidance to mankind cannot be eliminated. The Holy Qur'ān was revealed by Allāh and He will safeguard it. It is impossible that God will not protect His luminous Words that He Himself infused in the blessed heart of His beloved Prophet[sa] and that which is spread throughout the world. God will not waste his wailings and prayers rendered in the sacred seclusion of cave Hira." Huzoor[aa] said that Jamā'at was going to employ all means available to it to stop the burning of Holy Book. Additionally, Huzoor[aa] said, it is the duty of every Ahmadī to try his best to become a living example of the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān. (Friday Sermon, August 20, 2010)

Through the efforts of Jamā'at and under the pressure of the world in general, the Christian pastor Terry Jones postponed the burning of the Qur'ān. However, on March 20, 2011, he put the Holy Qur'ān on what he called "trial". He presided over this trial as a judge and appointed a jury comprising of 12 members. On receiving the 'guilty' verdict of the so called jury, he oversaw the burning of the Holy Qur'ān. He repeated his devilish act again on April 28, 2012. He claimed that Islām is a religion of violence, bloodshed and terrorism.

Huzoor[aa] vehemently condemned this heinous act in his Friday Sermons and defended the honour of the Holy Qur'ān. He addressed many of the allegations against the Holy Qur'ān, and also advised the US Jamā'at in particular and the Ahmadīs around the world in general to respond to this pastor's allegations and the atrocious act of burning the Holy Qur'ān. Huzoor[aa] further urged the US Jamā'at to hold Qur'ān exhibitions, which is sure to attract the public's attraction and dispel myths about the Holy Qur'ān. (Friday Sermon, March 25, 2011)

Huzoor[aa] said, "we need to use the power of the pen to condemn this behavior. We should light the beacons of love and peace just as the Qur'ān advocates peace and tolerance. We will have to do this while abiding within the realm of the law and manners. He said that Qur'ān teaches us to respect the rights of each individual. We have to convey to the so-called humanitarians of the world that Islām does not promote hate. Its message is love and forbearance. It is an obligation of all Ahmadīs to break the un-Islāmic burning and destroying trend of protest that is being carried out by others. Instead, we should show the world the actual teachings of love and patience towards humanity. If burning and insulting a Holy Book is the criterion of Western morals, then they should know they are only calling for the wrath of God."

Innocence of Muslims Movie

"Innocence of Muslims" was released in 2012 with the intention of defaming the character of the Holy Founder of Islām[sa]. For ease of accessibility, it was uploaded on YouTube. It immensely hurt the sentiments of Muslims to the core. There was extreme unrest and uproar in the Muslim world with the same old mode of destructive protests and violence.

By the grace of God, under the guidance of Huzoor[aa] the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah[as] initiated a worldwide campaign highlighting the true teachings of Islām and the pure character of its Holy Founder[sa]. Many programs and conferences were organized with invitations for non-Muslims. Canada took the lead in arranging grand seminars. Members of the Jamā'at also wrote articles about the holy life of this magnificent Prophet[sa]. Letters have been written to politicians and parliamentarians to bring the issue to light.

Huzoor[aa] delivered a Friday Sermon on September 21, 2012 and said: "It is their inability to defeat Islām that is causing its opponents to resort to such vile acts which they try to justify on the basis of freedom of speech or expression."

Huzoor[aa] also called on the leaders of the world and members of the public in general to reflect on whether they were playing a role in causing hostilities to rise in the world by supporting, at all costs, the right of people to make films or caricatures that offend religious sentiments and hurt innocent people. (Friday Sermon, Sep.21, 2012)

His Holiness urged the Muslims to adhere to Islāmic teachings. Unfortunately mainstream Muslims, motivated by clerics (mullahs), always react with violence. Huzoor[aa] emphasized that such protests were wrong, and that the killing of innocent people, like ambassadors and diplomats, was completely contrary to the teachings of Islām. He said that all protests must be conducted within the scope of the law and remain peaceful. (Friday Sermon, Sep.21, 2012)

Huzoor[aa] clarified that the "…burning of flags, creating turmoil, or going on strike is not a good way to protest. We should mould our attitude according to the Islāmic values and teachings. Our response always should be such, which elegantly reflects the excellent personality and character of the Holy Prophet[sa]. By reacting otherwise Muslims themselves provide the opportunity from which these alert nations take advantage. At times, it is these people who are the perpetrators, but due to the wrong reaction of the Muslims, they appear to be the victims and the Muslims are deemed the villains." (Friday Sermon, September 21, 2012)

Huzoor[aa] said that Ahmadīs are certainly at the forefront in their love and devotion for the Holy Prophet[sa] due to the Promised Messiah[as], and our perception and comprehension of the Seal of the Prophets[sa] is far greater than that of others. Hence, our response should also be different than the rest of the Muslims. We need to bring the true picture of Islām and its Founder[sa] to the forefront. He also instructed Ahmadīes to study and enter the field of journalism. (Friday Sermon, September 21, 2012)

In deference to the call of their beloved Khalīfa, Ahmadīs wrote letters expressing their indignation. They wrote articles in different newspapers, magazines and websites to reveal the true and beautiful life and character of the Holy Prophet[sa]. The Friday Sermon of Huzoor[aa] (September 21, 2012) was copied and translated into many languages and was distributed throughout the world. Our own Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Canada arranged a grand seminar on November 23, 2013 with the title of "Muhammad: The Astonishing Story of the Prophet". This was a great success. More than 2,000 non-Muslims attended the event and some admitted that they did not know the Prophet of Islām[sa] as such before. The program changed their views on Islām and its Holy Founder. Further events, conferences and seminars were held in many Western countries, which shed light on the magnificent life and character of the Holy Prophet Mohammad[sa], and have become a regular feature since then. Under the blessed scheme of Flyers and Brochures distribution of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], the information on the Holy Prophet[sa] were delivered to many homes in many countries of Americas and Europe.

In the end, while mainstream Muslims took to the streets, destroying the property of their own countrymen, burning flags, and issuing death edicts in many Muslim majority countries, the response of the only Khalīfa of Islām, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] has been the most sound, respectable and decent. While mainstream Muslims further defamed the Holy Prophet[sa], Huzoor[aa] demonstrated through his own speeches and actions the true essence of Islāmic teachings. Huzoor[aa] responded exactly as the Holy Prophet[sa] used to respond to the opponents of his own time. Herein is the difference between a true follower of the Prophet[sa] and those who are using his name for their own political agendas. Islām is a religion of wisdom and peace. Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān, "Creating turmoil is worse than murder." With regard to this, Huzoor[aa] said in his Friday sermons, **"Let it not be that in the name of freedom of speech, the peace of the entire world be destroyed."** (Friday Sermon, September 21, 2012)

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Here comes the King!

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], is the fulfillment of the Promised Messiah[as]'s divine dream in which he saw his son, Hazrat Mirzā Sharif Ahmad[ra], being addressed as, "Here comes the King!" Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] is the grandson of Hazrat Mirzā Sharif Ahmad[ra].

Section No. 4

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Progress of MTA

Establishment of MTA Al-Arabia and Initiation of other Programs

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"And say, 'Truth has come and falsehood has vanished away. Falsehood does indeed vanish away *fast*." (17:82)

MTA (Muslim Television Ahmadiyya) International emerged in 1994 with the aim of providing a positive alternative to mainstream television. It was the brainchild of Hazrat Mirzā Tahir Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] and ever since its inception has been a unique channel in many respects. MTA recognizes that television plays an important role in the world and has accordingly devoted itself to applying that influence positively for the purpose of educating its viewers.

In the last ten years, under the guidance of our present Khalīfatul-Masīh, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad (may Allāh be his Helper), MTA has expanded its studios around the globe and produced a variety of new programs for its diverse audience. The most remarkable success has been the launch of a new channel, MTA 3 Al-Arabiyya, whose target audience is the Arabic speaking world.

The aim of this article is to show the gradual rise in the expansion of MTA by highlighting various programs that have been initiated in the last ten years, with special reference to MTA 3 Al-Arabiyya, under the guidance of our present Khalīfa[aa]. As a result of the success of MTA 3 Al-Arabiyya, many people from the Arab world are accepting the truth of the Promised Messiah[as] proving that "falsehood does indeed vanish away fast."(17:82) Reference to some rebuttals of allegations against Islām Ahmadiyyat will also be addressed in order to show how MTA has not only been a powerhouse of knowledge for Ahmadīs, but is also a source of dispelling myths and misconceptions about Ahmadiyyat.

When the Promised Messiah[as] first claimed to be a prophet and messenger of God, Qādiān was yet a small township in the province of Punjab, India. At that time, God revealed to the Promised Messiah[as], **"I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth."** (Tadhkira)

Within a short period of time, we are now witnesses to the divine message being propagated not only on the ground through literature, but from the sky via satellite. MTA has enabled each and every Ahmadī to be visually linked with their Khalīfa, no matter where they reside in

the world. From Live Friday Sermons, to interactive discussion programs like Rahe Huda, to discussions of religious matters in Deeni and Fiqahi Misail, MTA has become that one tool to satiate our quest for knowledge and a deeper realization of our faith.

Inauguration of MTA 2

In 2004, Huzoor[aa] inaugurated MTA 2, the second channel of our Jamā'at's satellite TV station. This new channel launch shows how concerned Huzoor[aa] is about the well-being of the Jamā'at. From the beginning of his Khilāfat, he took a keen interest in reorganizing the daily schedule of MTA to cater for the needs of different time zones of the world. He personally chaired the meetings with the MTA's scheduling department and members of the Board to revamp the schedule of MTA. This naturally led to the idea of two channels to provide appropriate services to the different parts of the world. Under Huzoor's[aa] supervision and guidance, MTA 2 finally became a reality on April 23, 2004.

Live Friday Sermons

With its global vision propounding global values, MTA is the only channel in the world relaying the universal message of Islām. Each week on Friday, Muslims assemble at the mosque for the Friday Prayer around the world. Getting together once a week develops unity, cooperation and cohesiveness. MTA broadcasts the Friday Sermon Live with up to 8 simultaneous translations, and also provides an online stream. Through MTA therefore, our Khalīfa is able to address not just the congregation, but also the entire world. The Friday Sermon, in this way, becomes a demonstration of Islāmic equality, unity, and brotherhood. It gives the Imām a chance to connect with the community on a weekly basis and allows the viewers to feel as though their Imām is speaking to them directly. Khilāfat, and an immediate link to it, is an extremely invaluable piece of treasure that non-Ahmadī Muslims yearn for, and which we are fortunate enough to possess. The Promised Messiah[as] had actually expressed his earnest desire to have his house surrounded by homes of Ahmadīs. And the Promised Messiah[as] wished to have a window from his house open into the house of every Ahmadī so that he[as] could have direct contact with his disciples.[2] This desire of the Promised Messiah[as] has been fulfilled with such grandeur and prestige in the form of MTA that even the opponents of Ahmadiyyat have had to acknowledge its influence. One newspaper in Pakistan published an article by one such opponent of Ahmadiyyat who wrote, **"Qādiāni television has entered every home. Recitation and commentary of the Holy Qur'ān, Dars Ahādīth, poems and na'ats, (poems in praise of the Holy Prophet[sa]) and continuous projections of various nations of Qādiānis, especially Arab Qādiānis, are all images penetrating the minds of our youth. We are seeing the progress of our scholars in the last 100 years go to waste. People are starting to ask us about 'this white bearded man wearing a white turban who proclaims that he adheres to all the tenets of Islām, who repeatedly declares as his master to be the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa], who always swells up with tears every time he narrates his character, how can such a man be a kafir?"**[3] The opponents of Ahmadiyyat themselves are having trouble explaining the basis of their opposition to their own youth!

MTA has proven to be this 'window' through which the Imām of the age is able to speak to us directly.

Rahe Huda

Rahe Huda is an interactive live program in Urdu which allows viewers the opportunity to ask questions relating to specifically Ahmadiyyat. Some of the questions asked include, concerning the second coming of the Messiah in the latter days, the prophecies, the death of Jesus[as] and the Finality of Prophethood. The questions can be asked live via phone, fax, text or email.

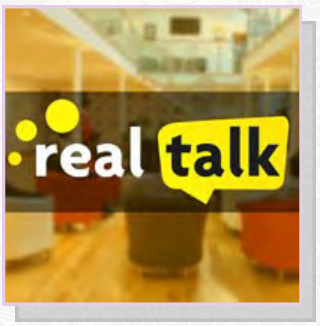
By watching MTA, we can learn to respond and refute allegations against Islām and Ahmadiyyat. The many scholars of the Jamā'at volunteer their time and energy to defend Islām with concrete arguments and rational discourses. These are not just personal views of the scholars, but are authenticated by reliable references and sources. And herein lies the beauty of strengthening our faith. It is not just 'blind faith' but faith based upon conviction which remains unchallenged and unmatched in the world. This kind of faith that appeals to our rationale and intellect is the Islām that was promulgated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. And it is this pristine Islām that has been resurrected by the Promised Messiah[as].

A scene from Rahe Huda

Youth Programs

In modern times, many religions are failing to meet the needs of the youth. The youth feel disoriented, and a majority of them do not adhere to any faith group. Christian churches are struggling to keep their youth engaged, and Muslim youth are also feeling the divide between faith and the distractions of the contemporary world. A common allegation against the Jamā'at is that our youth are brain-washed and blind to the 'real' teachings of the Promised Messiah[as]. One only needs to watch programs like Beacon of Truth and Real Talk to refute this allegation.

Beacon of Truth is presented by Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya students and endeavors to resolve the questions raised in the minds of our youth regarding our beliefs. While **Real Talk** is a show that engages in dialogue with the youth on social issues affecting their daily lives. How are the youth being brain-washed when they themselves are the producers and proponents of the teachings of the Promised Messiah[as]? These programs along with those related to children, like **Story Time** and **Kids Time** show Huzoor's desire to reach out to the young members of the Jamā'at by building a real connection and bond with them. Huzoor[aa] has been at the forefront of moving MTA forward. With his vision of staying in-tune with changing times, he has made MTA meet the challenge.



Faith Matters

For a discussion of comparative religions and the stance of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, there is

Faith Matters. Faith Matters is an interactive discussion program designed to assist anyone engaged in the comparative study of religion to assess the standing and position of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Press Point

To find out about the persecution of Ahmadīs around the world and media related issues, Press Point is the show to watch. Press Point is a new LIVE current affairs program discussing stories relating to Islām and persecution of Ahmadīs. On each show, a current theme is chosen and discussed through the eyes of the press and media. Press Point also brings monthly updates of the latest persecution stories from around the world.

Al-Tarteel

The Holy Qur'ān remains the only divinely revealed Book in the world, with not a single letter altered in the past 1500 years. Despite God's promise of safeguarding His Book, Muslim clerics, the self-proclaimed gatekeepers of Islām, allege that the Promised Messiah[as] has changed the Holy Qur'ān. This baseless charge is shattered on a daily basis with the recitation of the Qur'ān on MTA by Hani Tahir Sāhib, our Arab brother! Additionally, the program Al Tarteel shows that Ahmadīs are eager to learn the correct pronunciation of the Word of God and that we believe and read the same Qur'ān that was revealed to the Prophet of Islām, Muhammad[sa].

Al Tarteel proves to the world that the Promised Messiah[as] did not alter or change the Qur'ān in any way, shape or form. Hafiz Fazle Rabbi focuses on a different rule of recitation in each lesson with in-depth explanation in English. Viewers can download the syllabus for each lesson to follow along at home.

MTA 3 Al-Arabia

The above list has only been a glimpse of the progress of MTA in the last ten years under the guidance of Huzoor[aa]. The greatest progress has been in the launch of MTA 3 Al-Arabiyya, which is delivering the Promised Messiah's[as] message to the first recipients and believers of Islām. Since the beginning of his Khilāfat, Huzoor[aa] had been passionate about reaching out to the Arab world.

Initially the channel was launched on March 23, 2007 and transmitted to the Arab regions via the Egyptian owned company Nilesat.[5] However, the programs being transmitted were under infringement to some of the commonly held Islāmic views as a result of which Nilesat faced opposition. The Egyptian government banned the transmission on January , 2008. This seemingly huge setback was mitigated by European owned

Eutelsat - Atlantic Bird - which took over transmission of MTA 3 far beyond the Middle East to North Africa and Europe. In February 2008, it started transmission to North America. It is also available for live streaming via the Internet, as are all of MTA's programs. God's succor and fulfillment of His own promises is testament to the truth of the Promised Messiah[as] and MTA is like a trumpet that announces the advent of the Messiah day in and day out.

With limited resources, a small and poor Community has been able to harness contemporary cutting edge technology to spread the message of the Promised Messiah[as]. His revelation, **"I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth"** is being witnessed with a new glory and fulfilment. Huzoor[aa] declared that today "if anyone defends Islām it is this Community. The Arab Muslims are witness to the fact that they were most troubled by the world – it was this Community that coordinated and supported them because they alone have the arguments and the proofs to establish Unity of God and to dismiss false beliefs."

Al-Hiwarul Mubashir

Al-Hiwarul Mubashir is a live program for our Arabic speaking viewers, providing an interactive platform to discuss the most important issues relating to Islām. It is one of many programs produced by our Arab brothers to present the true teachings of Islām and Ahmadiyyat.

Faith Inspiring Stories

Since the message of Ahmadiyyat is now reaching the Arab world, one may wonder what effect is it having on the people of the region. Are they open to receiving the message? Huzoor[aa] in his Friday Sermon dated February 14, 2014, related some instances of the positive effects, of MTA 3 Al-Arabiyya.[4] Huzoor[aa] related that Faraz Sāhib from Abu Dhabi wrote to him that he had read as many books of the Promised Messiah[as] as he could and also started watching Arabic programs on MTA. Faraz Sāhib then studied verses of the Holy Qur'ān and Ahādīth and felt satisfied. Faraz Sāhib thought to himself that he now had two options: one was to continue to wait for a militant Mahdī and stay connected to an erroneous creed, or the second was to accept Hazrat Ahmad[as] as the Imām Mahdī. Faraz Sāhib sought Divine help and prayed fervently for guidance, after which he was inclined towards the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. When he read the Promised Messiah[as]'s poetry in praise of the Holy Prophet[sa] his body trembled and his eyes welled up and he said out aloud that a slanderer could never write such poetry and could never have such sentiments for the Prophet[sa]. He also felt that for a non-Arab to express such eloquent Arabic was not possible without Divine help!

Huzoor[aa] also related about Abbas Sāhib who is an Arab and resides in Italy. Abbas Sāhib wrote to Huzoor[aa] that in spite of what the Maulvis said, he used to watch MTA. Once he heard an Arabic Qaseeda of the Promised Messiah[as] on MTA. As he listened to it, he looked at an image of the Promised Messiah[as] until, spontaneously he said out loud, by God, a liar cannot express such sentiments. This person is definitely from God.

Huzoor[aa] also mentioned Hayat Sāhib from Iran who wrote that he was born in a Shia family and was

inclined to religion. He was not satisfied with the current portrayal of Islām. He felt something was lacking, and became convinced that it needed reforming. A friend introduced him to MTA, and he gradually became impressed by what he saw on MTA. He was amazed that the Shia religious scholars called on for debate only abused the Ahmadīs, since they could not contend with their strong arguments. When he heard about the Promised Messiah[as]'s objectives of writing Baraheene Ahmadiyya, he was convinced of the truth. He read books of the various Khulāfa' and realized that they were the real leaders of Islām and the world was in great need of their views. He felt the Promised Messiah[as]'s challenge to Arabs and non-Arabs in Arabic language was a golden chance for the opponents to have proved their distinction, but they could not do so. Reflecting on all these proofs, he says he had no choice but to accept the truth and now he considers Tablīgh his obligation!

In another sermon dated April 29, 2011, Huzoor[aa] mentioned Lady Fateeha from Algeria.[6]

> **Lady Fateeha from Algeria related, "After watching many programs on MTA, I prayed to Allāh for assistance. I subsequently saw in a dream that I was a part of a large community being guided by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V, who was wearing his traditional garb. He was guiding us towards a mosque which had its doors open and there was light shining inside the mosque. After this, I sent for my oath of allegiance..."**

Muhammad Yahya from Algeria wrote to Huzoor[aa], "I availed the opportunity to enter Ahmadiyyat a few months ago. The credit for this goes to my son Saleem who likes to surf channels. He came across MTA during his searches where the program 'al-Hiwar al-Mubashir (Al-Hiwarul-Mubashir)' was on."' Mr. Yahya watched numerous episodes and also called during the programs to ask questions. Additionally, he studied the material on the Arabic website. He finally took the oath of allegiance as he did not see anything opposing Sharī'a and heard clear arguments."

Respected Abdul-Qa'id Ahmad from Yemen wrote, "I have been watching MTA for the last two years. I have found the answers to all those questions to which no one else had a rejoinder. My heart was satisfied on seeing the picture of the Promised Messiah[as]. The first time I saw it on MTA, I felt that this person could not be a liar. I saw numerous dreams after that which carried glad tidings." Following, he became an Ahmadī.

Mahmud Isa is from Syria. He says, "After I was introduced to MTA, in the beginning, I was shocked and dismayed at the idea that Imām Mahdī had come and gone; and I did not even know of his passing, while had still been waiting for him to arrive." He further writes, "Four years ago I had seen in a dream the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. Two years ago when I started watching MTA, then I discovered that the face I had seen in the dream was actually of Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad Qādiāni[as]."

Abdul Qadir Haddad from Algeria says, "In 2004, I saw the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] in two personalities. Two months after I saw the picture of Imām Mahdī[as] on MTA, which was the likeness of the second personality in my dream. After that I watched MTA programs at home continuously for the next 15-20 days and accepted Ahmadiyyat."

Salih Muhammad Iraqi writes from Egypt, "Three years ago I used to hear about the attacks of a known priest on Islām and disrespect to the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. I felt pain in my heart as I found myself unable to respond. When I conducted a research on the internet in this respect, I reached the conclusion that the commentaries of the scholars of the past and their approaches were unable to counter these allegations but rather because of them the priest found courage to object. As I studied further, and watched MTA programs, I was convinced that these exegeses could not be the result of the personal efforts of someone. I

MTA is now proclaiming, "Listen to the voice of heaven! It is declaring 'Messiah has come, Messiah has appeared."

benefitted from MTA for two years, with the conclusion that I had discovered the Holy Qur'ān. I saw the Mahdīas in a dream. He held my hand and took me to a place where brothers Hani Tahir, Tamim, and Tahir Nadim were sitting around a table cloth. He had me sit down with them. Allāh opened my heart to accept Ahmadiyyat after this dream."

Such faith uplifting experiences of our Arab brothers and sisters are not isolated cases of the East only. Many people in the West, who are in search of God, are also being drawn to the call of the Promised Messiahas. Hazrat Alira has narrated that when the Imām Mahdī will appear, God will gather for him the people of the East and the West. (Yanabeeul Mowadah - Vol. 3, pg. 90, Ch: Introduction of Jamā'ate Ahmadiyya pg. 97)

Today, through the blessings of MTA, people across the globe have been brought together and united under the banner of Khilāfat. MTA is now proclaiming, "Listen to the voice of heaven! It is declaring 'Messiah has come, Messiah has appeared!'"[7]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IIra wrote, "**A man walked alone in the small yard of his house and wrote down the revelations of God as he received them. The revelations predicted acceptance of his teaching by the world; this, at a time when his own village did not know him that well. In the face of all difficulties, he arose and thundered like a cloud...."** He continues, **"If what the Promised Messiahas prophesied was not prophesied in the name of God, why was it fulfilled? Why did it come true? It is strange that Europe and America until today treated Islām as their prey, but now thanks to the Promised Messiahas, Islām can treat Europe and America as its prey. The Islām which suffered defeat after defeat at the hands of other religions now inflicts defeats on them. The tables have now been turned by the prayers and the spiritual power of the Promised Messiahas. Islām is on the march, the enemy in retreat."**[8]

Islām's forward advancement is now being spear-headed by the fifth successor of the Promised Messiahas. MTA has become a multi-functional tool: propagating the message of Islām Ahmadiyat, proving the truth of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa and the Promised Messiahas through conclusive arguments, educating Ahmadīs young and old on complex religious matters, and unifying the Jamā'at under Khalīfatul-Masīh Khamis (may Allāh be his Helper). The forward thinking approach of Huzooraa and his understanding of the needs of the time have enabled MTA to win hearts across the globe.

Forward thinking - Spiritual Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at using an iPad!

Huzoor[aa] addressing the second International Conference of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International (MTA), which was held on April 15, 2013.

"By the Grace of Allāh, MTA International is excelling in leaps and bounds. Operations that started with just a few select people, with basic equipment and a single truck of MTA have now expanded across the world. Studios have been set up in different countries, several satellites have been acquired and with Allāh's Grace operations are continuing to expand."

"Allāh has enabled the Jamā'at across the globe to connect with each other through direct satellite links. A new innovation MTA recently achieved, was a three-way communication link established between Qadian, Kababir and London. Through this, three locations were able to communicate directly during the Promised Messiah[as] Day event. Such communication is causing the message of the Promised Messiah[as] to reach the corners of the world."

(From the address of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] at the second International Conference of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International (MTA), April 15, 2013; quoted in Official Press Release of April 17, 2013)

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The service that our Jamā'at websites are rendering to Islām is immeasurable. The number of people getting educated about our teachings and gaining knowledge and increasing their level of spiritual development is growing exponentially. The recent developments of the websites have been under the guidance of the blessed institution of Khilāfat. Over the past 10 years, specifically, Jamā'at websites have become crucial in our day to day Tablīgh matters and are now an insightful way for us to present our beautiful and true beliefs to the rest of the world. May God always lend a helping hand to the Khalīfa of the time, under whose guidance the Jamā'at has witnessed hiking successes and progresses, Amīn!

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Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani[as]

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By the Grace of God, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at has achieved great success since its foundation. With establishment of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in more than 204 countries, the message of Islām has reached the corners of the earth as was prophesized by the Promised Messiah[as] more than 120 years ago.

"I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth"

(Tadhkirah: English translation by Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, 1976, p 184)

People all over the world are joining the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in great numbers, thus becoming living testimonies to the following verse of the Holy Qur'ān:

وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا

And thou seest men entering the religion of Allāh in troops... (110:3)

Over the decades since the foundation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, numerous means of preaching and conveying the message of Islām have contributed to the exponential growth of this blessed group. Continuous use of word of mouth, conferences, lectures, discussions, to the launching of the world's first universal Muslim channel, Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA), printing through Islām International Publications, and creation of various websites, have been put into practice for preaching. In particular, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at websites have seen a tremendous expansion over recent years and have now become one of the leading sources of treasures for knowledge, references, and answers, all available at the fingertips of individuals willing to learn, regardless of time and geographical location. Top of the list is the Alislam website, the official website of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; both in English and Urdu. It receives on average between 15,000 and 20,000 unique visitors every day.[2] Before we proceed to peek at websites in other languages, we will take a closer look at the Alislam website.

Alislam Website

The international website of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at provides a vast range of material and is referred to as Alislam (www.alislam.org). It has developed into a highly rich database of knowledge over time. Numerous sections are available on the website, for the benefit of all visitors. Let's take a deeper look at some of the sections and categories accessible through the website.

From the right side green panel, there are numerous links to pages which are rich in text and articles on all aspects of

the Islāmic religion. There are sections specific to the basic teachings and history of Islām. Similarly, there are particular divisions containing ample information and knowledge about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and its activities around the world.

The *Photo Gallery* comprises of pictures of various Personalities, Mosques, Annual Conventions, and Historical Events as well as of various places. Also accessible on the main page are links for subsections such as Al Fazl, Apps, Live Jalsa Sālāna proceedings, Wallpapers, and Urdu Poems among others.

Holy Qur'ān

Learning and studying the Holy Qur'ān is undoubtedly important. The following two sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] astutely describe this: **"The best among you is the one who learns the Qur'ān and teaches it to others."** (Bukhāri)

"**The case of one who does not learn any portion of the Qur'ān is like that of an abandoned house.**" (Tirmidhi)

Accordingly, not only do visitors have access to the Holy Qur'ān with its translation in a number of languages, but its various commentaries are also easily accessible here. Video lessons are available as well, intended to assist in learning the correct pronunciation for the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān.

Ahādīth

Selecting the Ahādīth link from the right panel brings the website visitor to a section entitled *The Holy Prophet, the Messenger of Allāh and the Seal of the Prophets*. This page contains text and links to several articles pertaining to the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. Under the subheading Traditions of the Holy Prophet[sa], a list of additional links is available to the written sayings of the Holy Prophet[sa] in book format. This page enables visitors to acquire further knowledge, in light of the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān, and correct Islāmic practices

"[...] **And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it; and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain from *that*. And fear Allāh; surely, Allāh is Severe in retribution**." (59:8)

Rūhāni Khazā'in

One of the wonderful assets available on the Alislam website is the set of Rūhāni Khazā'in, the extensive collection of the books of the Promised Messiah[as]. The Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] said, when referring to the Messiah of the latter days, that if faith goes as far as the Pleiades, the Messiah will bring it back down, and he will take out the hidden wealth from the breast of the earth and will distribute it, but none will be willing to take from it. The *Rūhāni Khazā'in* comprise in them, a significantly large proportion of this wealth. These writings are available to all visitors. Over the past decade, numerous enhancements have been made to this section. All 23 volumes of Rūhāni Khazā'in are available for download as pdf files in both Urdu and

English. Along with the topic-based subject index for *Ruahni Khaza'in*, *Malfuzat* and *Majmu'a Ishtiharat,* there is also a google-based computerized search engine available, where these tools aid in performing thorough searches of the keywords entered, and highlight the related passages within the *Rūhāni Khazā'in*.

Friday Sermons

Clearly visible in the middle of the website's homepage is a link to an archive of Friday Sermons delivered by Khulāfa' Ahmadiyyat. Not only are the audio and video files available for viewers, but they are so in various different languages. Written summaries of Friday Sermons are also obtainable. A search engine and browsing directory were included here over the past few years. By the Grace of God, this section showcases all the beautiful teachings of Islām, especially related to our morals, values, and behaviors, as reminded by our Khalīfa every week.

"Khilāfat establishes the authority of Allāh on earth, and the Khalīfa strives to uphold that authority within the community of followers. For the believers, Khilāfat is an embodiment of Allāh's Unity, as they choose to take divine authority through the person of the Khalīfa. The believers partake of the blessings of Khilāfat by holding firm to their faith and practices, united under him."[5]

Library

The Library (accessible from the panel on the right) is home to all kinds of literature (books, periodicals, articles, etc.), along with links to the Alislam Urdu Library, and articles on several topics of general religious knowledge. The *Books* section contains digital (and PDF format) books authored by the Promised Messiah[as], all of his successors, and numerous respected personalities. Not only are these treasures of knowledge available in the English and Urdu languages, but they are also compatible with most handheld devices.

Similarly, the *Media Library* section is door to multiple links which provide an array of videos divided into many categories. Sermons, documentaries, the Holy Qur'ān lessons and Question & Answer sessions are just to name a few. Here, we also find the links to the five Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at YouTube channels (Alislam Khutba archive, Alislam Urdu, Alislam Media, Alislam Library, and Alislam Nazm Library). The documentary subdivision includes videos on various historical moments of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. Some video highlights include the recording of the last visit to the city of Lahore by the Promised Messiah[as], United Nations speeches by Chaudhry Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan[ra], and documentaries on the lives of the Holy Prophet[sa] and Khulāfa' Ahmadiyyat. Video archives of various MTA programs and shows are also linked and are streamed through the website. The collection of videos in which we find answers to allegations against Islām has seen a tremendous growth over the last 10 years.

Multimedia

Links to videos containing speeches, documentaries on various topics, are accessible and searchable. The Multimedia link, found in the Alislam Library section leads to an interesting section called Ask Islām, also directly accessible from the home page of the Alislam

website. In this section there is a wide range of individual question and answers sorted into categories based on their subject matter. A search engine allows visitors to narrow down their search to find related questions, and their answers as explained by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]. Other audio channels are also available on the website since 2007.

Applications

Another link located on the main page leads to many mobile applications developed by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, a recent addition in the last 10 years. These applications are compatible with various devices such as iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android and Window Phone 7. They can be found in the App store or Marketplace; the keyword to search is "Ahmadiyya". One of the applications that can be found is Muslim Television Ahmadiyya where one can watch live streaming of MTA. A mobile application to find the mosques of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya around the world is also accessible. Some other applications developed include the Holy Qur'ān, Ahmadiyya Islāmic News, and Mobile Friday Sermons, containing the summaries of the latest Friday sermons. And finally, the *Ten Conditions of Bai'at* is where some basic introductory information on the conditions can be found.

Many other tools, instruments, sources, references, and material are available on this extensively developed website, by the Grace of God. Alislam undoubtedly provides significant content to quench the thirst of those getting introduced to the beautiful teachings of Ahmadiyyat. The website is a great tool for those of us who seek to broaden their religious knowledge at their own pace.

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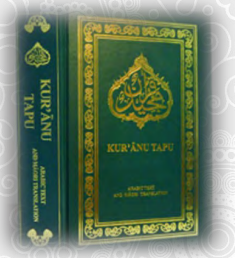
Alislam Website and Service to the Holy Qur'ān

Below in a table are listed the languages in which the translation of the Holy Qur'ān is available on Alislam website, and the date they was added on it.



Language of the Holy Qur'ān Translation	Date Added on Alislam Website
Nepalese	May 23, 2012
Malagasy	April 13, 2012
German	April 13, 2012
Kikamba	April 9, 2012
Saraiki	November 26, 2011
Swahili	November 5, 2011
Esperanto	October 25, 2011
Turkish	July 9, 2011
Sindhi	July 3, 2011
Pashto	June 5, 2011
Sinhala	February 27, 2011
Swedish	February 22, 2011
Persian	January 30, 2011
Hebrew of the first three Surahs	January 3, 2011
Polish	May 5, 2010
Gujarati	February 26, 2010
Czech	December 9, 2009
Vietnamese	November 26, 2009
Assamese	November 24, 2009
Luganda	September 1, 2009
Qur'ān	August 30, 2009
Kannada	May 5, 2009
Russian	May 5, 2009

Source: What's New at alislam.org, http://www.alislam.org/whats-new.html

Alislam Website and Service to the Holy Qur'ān

In the table below, various applications in which the Holy Qur'ān is available at Alislam website are outlined, along with the dates they were added on the site.

Holy Qur'ān Audio/Video and other Applications	Date Added on Alislam Website
Tilawat Holy Qur'ān with Urdu translation Watch videos online	December 27, 2011
Tilawat Holy Qur'ān with Urdu translation mp3 audio for download	December 27, 2011
Learn word-by-word Urdu translation of the Holy Qur'ān with audio	April 17, 2011
Introduction of Holy Qur'ān Chapters in Urdu Audio	March 22, 2011
Urdu Audio Lessons to learn translation of the Holy Qur'ān by Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Pakistan	January 22, 2011
The Holy Qur'ān – Arabic Text Android App released. Complete Arabic text for every day reading on your phone	December 12, 2010
The Holy Qur'ān Arabic Text iPhone App released, complete Arabic text for every day reading on your phone	June 3, 2010
Yassarnal Qur'ān & Learn Correct Pronunciation of The Holy Qur'ān 68 Video Lessons with Qari Muhammad Aashiq (instructions in Urdu)	March 2, 2010
Selected Verses of the Holy Qur'ān with translation into 97 languages available	January 24, 2010

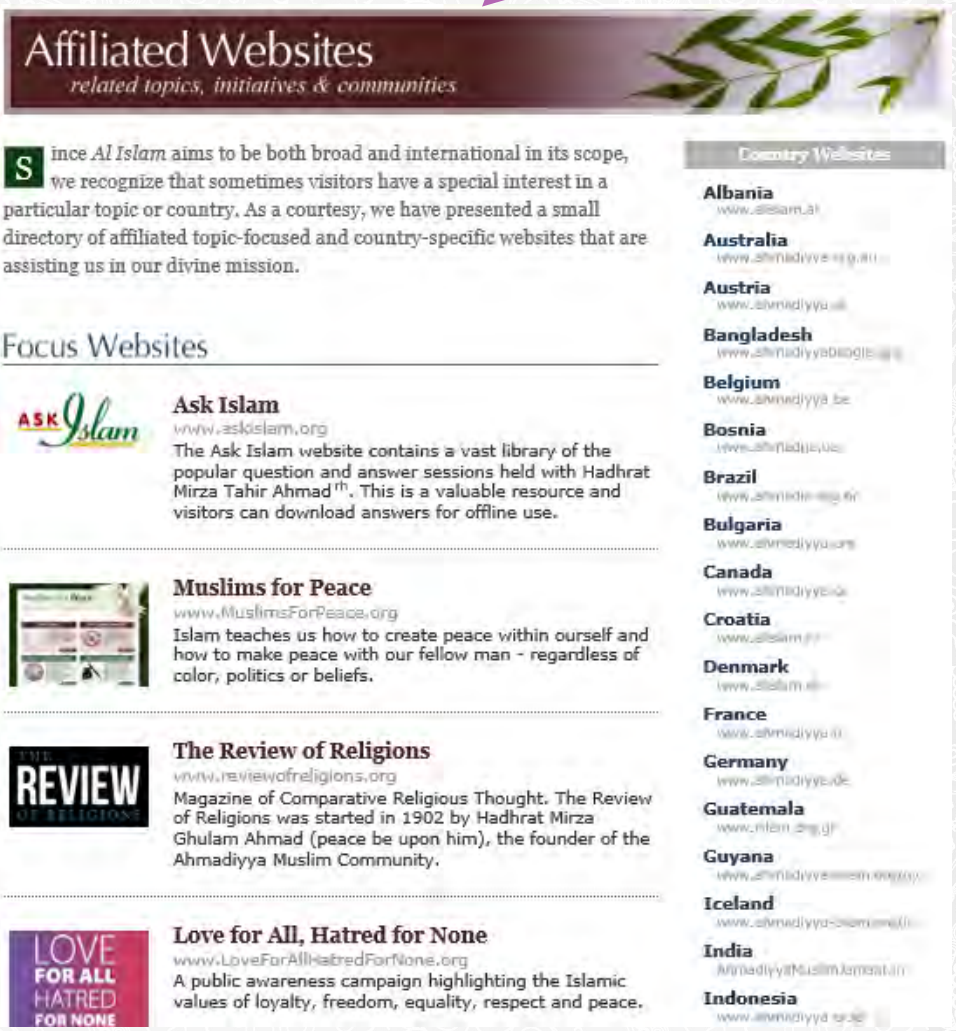
Source: What's New at alislam.org, http://www.alislam.org/whats-new.html

Affiliated Websites

A list of various Ahmadiyya Country Websites in multiple languages under the "Affiliated Websites" page.

As the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is progressing continuously around the world, it's members belong to hundreds of different countries, speaking hundreds of different languages. A growing number of countries have now established their own national Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at websites, *Al-hamdulillah*. The Alislam website provides links to these websites, listed by country, accessible from the *Affiliated Websites* link at the bottom of the page.

Most of these websites are in local languages of the respective countries, and other than containing general information about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and basic Islāmic Teachings, Jamā'at literature and similar resources; these websites provide information about Jamā'at Ahmadiyya activities specific to that country. Upcoming events, activities' reports, and prayer timings are just a few of the resources available on these websites.



Also found in the *Affiliated Websites* section from the bottom of the Alislam website, is a "directory of affiliated topic-focused and country-specific websites that are assisting us in our divine mission." Some of these are as follows:

Muslims for Peace
www.MuslimsForPeace.org

This website aims at propagating the peaceful teachings of Islām and highlighting the fact that Islām teaches us to create peace within ourselves and how to live in harmony and peace with our fellow beings, regardless of ethnic background, political and religious views.

Love for All, Hatred for None
ww.LoveForAllHatredForNone.org

The purpose of this website as well is to raise public awareness and campaign about the important and fundamental values of loyalty, freedom, equality, respect, and peace. In 2011, for instance, as a result of one such peace campaign, a thousand people visited the website, 450 calls and many emails were received. Articles related to the peace campaign on this website have also been reported in newspapers.

Islāmic FAQ
www.IslamicFAQ.org

Dedicated to respond to the frequently asked questions about Islām, this website is designed to remove misconceptions about the religion by providing concise and complete answers to generally misunderstood and difficult concepts. This tool also provides the opportunity to submit questions.

Why Ahmadi
www.WhyAhmadi.org

This inspiring website was created in order to explain and underline the beliefs on which the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is founded. It contains the claims of the Promised Messiah[as] and provides insightful arguments and facts. The purpose is to enable members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at to strengthen their beliefs, and to be able to share these beliefs with others as well.

Persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community: www.persecutionofahmadis.org

This particular website regularly updates with unfortunate events of persecution that Ahmadi Muslims have faced throughout the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. It provides detailed analyses, facts, and historical records of persecution happening around the world.

Ask Ahmadiyyat:
www.askAhmadiyyat.org

Designed for Urdu readers, this website continuously updates with answers to questions and allegations about and against Ahmadiyyat.

The Persecution:
www.thepersecution.org

Similar to the *Persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community* website above, this website contains historical record of the persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at across the world. Additionally, this website gives information on how to take action for the promotion of religious freedom.

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The following table contains the list of countries which have their own websites (in their respective languages).

Country Website Address (Language)	Country Website Address (Language)	Country Website Address (Language)
Albania alislam.al (Albanian)	Guyana ahmadiyya-islam.org/gy (English)	Norway ahmadiyya.no (Norwegian)
Australia ahmadiyya.org.au (English)	Iceland ahmadiyya-islam.org/is (English)	Poland ahmadiyya.pl (Polish)
Austria ahmadiyya.at (German)	India AhmadiyyaMuslimJamā'at.in (English)	Portugal ahmadia.pt (Portuguese)
Bangladesh ahmadiyyabangla.org (Bangali)	Indonesia ahmadiyya.or.id (Indonesian)	Romania ahmadia.ro (Romanian)
Belgium ahmadiyya.be (Dutch & French)	Ireland islamahmadiyya.ie (English)	Russia ahmadiyya.ru (Russian)
Bosnia ahmadija.ba (Bosnian)	Italy alislam.it (Italian)	Spain ahmadiyya.es (Spainish)
Brazil ahmadia.org.br (Portuguese)	Japan ahmadiyyat.jp(Japanese)	Sweden ahmadiyya.se (Swedish)
Bulgaria ahmediyya.org (Bulgarian)	Kosovo ahmadiyya-islam.org/al (Albanian)	Switzerland ahmadiyya.ch (German)
Canada ahmadiyya.ca (English & French)	Malta ahmadija.org.mt (Maltese)	Turkey ahmediye.org (Turkish)
Denmark alislam.dk (Danish)	Mauritius ahmadiyya.mu (French)	UK ahmadiyya.org.uk (English)
France ahmadiyya.fr (French)	Netherlands ahmadiyya-islam.nl (Dutch)	USA ahmadiyya.us (English)
Germany ahmadiyya.de (German)	New Zealand ahmadiyya.org.nz (English)	—
Guatemala islam.org.gt (Spanish)	Nigeria ahmadiyyang.org (English)	—

Incidents of Tablīgh through Multilingual Websites

Jamā'at literature is becoming available in more and more languages, thereby reaching out to an increasing population. An Uzbek man, for example, was convinced that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is conveying the true teachings of Islām, as a result of reading literature in the Uzbek language on the Alislam website. Following are a few of many blessed examples of learning about the message propagated by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at through its websites.

- **"Khalid Sāhib from Morocco** writes that after he was introduced to Ahmadiyyat he was amazed that the Imām Mahdī had come and gone and he had only just heard about him He reflected and prayed for guidance and started reading up on the Arabic website of the Jamā'at. Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām was the first book he read and he read it many times. The subject matter sent his soul in a trance. After reading various other books he felt that he had found a treasure-trove." Conversely, while mentioning about MTA3 (the Arabic channel), Huzoor[aba] mentioned that an Arab individual was relating an incident as such: he saw in a dream that he was weeping and asked Huzoor[aa] what he should do. Huzoor[aa] handed him the *Bai'at* form, and the dream ended. Sometime later, the man saw the *Bai'at* form on a Jamā'at website and was surprised that it was similar to the form that Huzoor[aa] had handed him in his dream. Thus the man studied the *Bai'at* form and joined the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at.[1]
- **Another convert writes** about himself as follows: "Over the next few years, I continued to read whatever I could on Islām Ahmadiyya. I did not discuss this much with others. I preferred to study on my own instead. The web was a great tool for me. Alislam.org, the Community's website, was just beginning to develop and I must have been one of its most voracious consumers at the time. My greatest attractions were the "Q&A" sessions conducted by the Fourth Khalīfa, as well as his sermons. I could spend hours listening to him."[4]
- **An American convert of Lebanese origin** writes in his story of how he accepted Islām Ahmadiyyat: "When I was in college, I began actively studying other religions, and my curiosity was especially piqued when I came across the name "Ahmadiyya." I researched Ahmadiyya on the Internet, and I was taken aback by the numerous anti-Ahmadiyya hate websites. Nevertheless, I was undeterred, and I started to learn more about Ahmadiyya beliefs by going to the Community's official website, alislam.org, as well as its U.S. website, ahmadiyya.us."[5]
- **A Pakistani-American man born** in a Sunni Muslim family, and who later joined the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at writes: "Out of curiosity one day, I asked this Ahmadī friend some questions. Eventually, he directed me to alislam.org. Little did I know that I would find more than just answers at this website – I would find the truth! In 2002, I took his advice and browsed through alislam.org. I found a section with questions posed to the Fourth Khalīfa. There were only thirteen questions but they affected me greatly." The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at counts thousands of converts who have found their way through Jamā'at websites, by the grace of God.[6]

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The Message of Peace and Ahmadiyyat — the True Islām propagated through Leaflets, Flyers, and Brochures

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The Holy Qur'ān says:

وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ ﴿١١﴾

And when books are spread abroad. (81:11)

The invention of printing press and publication houses was prophesized by the Holy Qur'ān back in the dark ages of ignorance and illiteracy. Ahādīth of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) is helpful in interpreting this verse. It is narrated that when: "Jesus, the son of Mary, will come, there will be an abundance of wealth (of knowledge), and this wealth will flow so profusely that nobody will accept it."[1] (Bukhāri)

Our founder, the Promised Messiah[as] called for Muslims to abandon the sword and defend Islām by means of logic, intelligent arguments and devotion. In his lifetime, he wrote approximately eighty-four books, and issued an open challenge to all his opponents to produce writing as good as his. Hundreds of posters, leaflets, tracts and handbills issued by him went to nail the lie of his opponents, and challenge the enemies of Islām.

The Promised Messiah[as] once had a vision; he says: "**I saw in a vision that I was standing on a pulpit in the city of London and was setting forth the truth of Islām in the English language, in a very well reasoned address. Thereafter, I caught several birds that were sitting upon small trees and were of white color and their bodies resembled the bodies of Partridges.**"[2] The Promised Messiah[as] added about this vision:

"I interpreted this vision as meaning that though I would not be able to travel to that country, my writings will be published there and many righteous English people will be attracted to the truth."[2]

The vision above has materialized in many forms and will continue to evolve in other ways. History bears testimony that after the demise of the Promised Messiah[as] his successors (Khulāfa') continued his mission. One of the recent way of unfolding of this vision is in form of the Flyers and Brochures distribution scheme. Launched under the divine leadership of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad (may Allāh be his Helper) the fifth Khalīfa of Ahmaiyya Muslim Jamā'at, these campaigns aim to deliver the peaceful messages of Islām from door to door to every house in various countries. Started in April 2003 these campaigns have received worldwide media coverage and demonstrate that Islām champions peace, loyalty to one's country and service to humanity. At the occasion of the opening of Western Europe's largest mosque in Morden, Surrey, UK our present Khalīfa, the head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], pointed out:

"A true Muslim can never raise his voice in hatred against his fellow citizens, nor for that matter against the ruling authority or government of the time—he should remain loyal and fully abide by the laws of land of which he is a subject."[5]

"The treasures that laid buried for more than a thousand years; are now being distributed by me to the one who is ready to accept them."

Peace Campaign in Britain

At the start of 2010, a peace campaign in Britain was launched displaying the message of loyalty, freedom and peace on 100 buses in central London. At the same time, leaflets highlighting Islām's commitment to fundamental values of loyalty, freedom, equality, respect and peace was distributed to homes. From 2010 to 2012, more than 2.7 million homes have been personally handed a leaflet on peace. The advertising campaign featuring the peace message on more than 850 buses ran across the UK from London to Glasgow and received wide media coverage.[6, 7]

Muslims for Loyalty Campaign in US

In January, 2011 a campaign called "Muslims for Loyalty" was launched in USA, with 100,000 flyers being distributed at 16 metro stations. Further, advertising space on buses and the metro was purchased in the US capital to convey the same message of loyalty.[8]

In an Op Ed to foxnews.com, the National Vice President and Missionary In-charge of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA said: "Islām teaches and requires that Muslims live as loyal citizens of the countries where they reside."[9]

He further said, Our "Muslims for Loyalty" campaign intends to peacefully but forcefully convey to Americans that all such messages which encourage disloyalty to, or terrorism against, America contradict the teachings of Islām, the Holy Qur'ān and Prophet Muhammad[sa]."[9]

Muslims for Peace & Loyalty Campaign in Canada

Every year, in order to promote the peaceful message of Islām, Ahmadi men, women and children of all ages take the message of non-violence door to door across Canada.

Worldwide Prophet Campaigns

After the release of anti-Islāmic film "Innocence of Muslims," Ahmadiyya Muslim community intensified its efforts to present to the world the true image of the Holy Prophet[sa] and Islām. Khalīfatul-Masīh V, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmed[aa] delivered a Friday Sermon on September 21, 2012 calling on Muslims across the world to peacefully unite in their opposition to the film. He also called for limits to free speech so that the religious sentiments of all people are protected.[11]

He further said in Friday Sermon, "It should be remembered that the Founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, the Promised Messiah[as], said that every victory

comes from the heavens and that the heavens have decreed that the Prophet[sa] who the world is trying to insult will ultimately be granted a great victory in this world. And this victory will be achieved by winning the hearts of people."[11]

In Canada

On October 14, 2012, thousands of Ahmadī men, women and children visited homes in 114 cities of Canada. Over 300,000 specially designed flyers were distributed. Over 20 media outlets, included TV and newspapers provided coverage to efforts. A Jalsa Seeratun Nabi titled "Muhammad[sa] – The Astonishing Story of Prophet" was held on November 20, 2012 in downtown Toronto at the stunning Roy Thomson hall. Over 2,000 guests attended this program in person and others watched it via live stream.[12, 13]

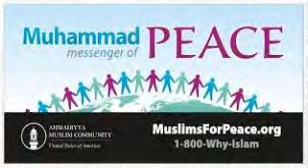
In United Kingdom

According to the Official Ahmadiyya press release of September 22, 2012, various news channels including BBC National News, BBC Newsnight, Sky News, Sky Arabic, Reuters, the Press Association and various other organisations attended and met with Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] immediately after his Friday Sermon, delivered from the Baitul Futuh Mosque, on September 21, 2012.[4] Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] said during his address:

"We are going to present the beautiful aspects of the blessed life of Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) to the world. This is our task and should be discharged with determination. Today only the Ahmadiyya Muslim community can do this task with love. For this, efforts should be made for all kinds of programs; Seminars should be held as well as conventions to which others should be invited in maximum numbers. And as I said my last Friday sermon should be translated in every language and published in a small pamphlet form and distributed as a campaign in the manner peace leaflet was done.

We have to make concerted efforts to silence these people and at least let the decent and educated people know that this wrong way is destroying peace. So that as much as possible we can uncover their wickedness and inform the world about it."[11]

Following the Friday Sermon, 55,000 copies of the sermon were printed and sent to all parliamentarians and other dignitaries and contacts. Also, more than 30,000 copies of leaflet "The Holy Prophet" were distributed. Further, a 50-bus campaign was launched in central London with message of freedom of speech with respect. A leaflet was also published on freedom of speech and 20,000 copies were distributed. A special Seeratun Nabi conference was organised in the United Kingdom at the Tahir Hall of the Baitul Futuh Mosque attracting Members of Parliament, dignitaries, professors, doctors, teachers and local residents.[12]



In Germany

After the sermon, more than 25,000 published copies of the Friday Sermon were distributed. The press release on the Friday Sermon by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh, consisting of quotes from the sermon, was sent to the media. Two online papers printed this press release in full and most local branches of the Ahmadiyya Community distributed it to the local media.[12]

In United States

More than 50,000 printed copies of the Friday sermon of 21st Sep 2012 were distributed.

A campaign of "I love Muhammad[sa]" was launched.

Members wore buttons or head bands saying" I Love Mohammad[sa]" and were distributed flyers to draw people's attention. In response to the film, 29 different letters, opinion editorials and live interviews by members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA were published or broadcast in the American media.[12]

Articles on the holy life of Prophet Muhammad[sa] were published in Daily Graphic, The Chronicle, The Ghanaian times and The Daily Guide. The articles and the press releases reached readership of 145,000 people. The Press release of sermon and article were telecast on Ghana TV and Radio. The message reached 10 million people through nationwide coverage.[12]

About 60,000 leaflets in Urdu and English were distributed all across India on the Holy Prophet[sa]. The book "Life of Muhammad" was translated in 9 regional languages and sent to different libraries and prominent personalities.[12]

In Bangladesh, copies of Huzoor's[aa] Friday Sermon of September 21, 2012 and address at Capitol Hill, US delivered on June 27, 2012 were sent to all 64 District Commissioners and Superintendents of Police. The people inquiring about the Ahmadiyya belief regarding the Holy Prophet[sa] were given copies of Friday sermon from September 21, 2012.[12]

The Friday sermon was widely distributed amongst prominent dignitaries as well as ordinary citizens through literature and talks.[12]

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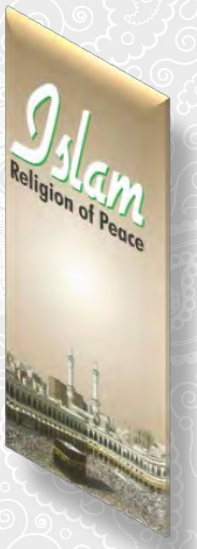
Flyer, Leaflet and Brochure Distribution by Jamā'at Ahmadiyyah throughout the World

(Source: Huzooraa's Second Day Speeches on Jalsa Sālāna UK, Years 2011-2013)

No.	Country	2011	2012	2013
1	USA	2,393,000	—	270,000
2	Canada	More than one million	424,000	More than 500,000
3	Germany	1.6 million	3 million	4 million
4	Sweden	302,000	250,000	More than 2,000,000
5	Trinidad	500,000	400,000	35,000
6	Norway	200,000	2,500,000	285,000
7	Belgium	—	400,000	10,000
8	Holland	—	600,000	80,000
9	UK	1.5 million	—	1.8 million
10	India	—	—	395,000
11	Nigeria	185,000	—	300,300
12	Spain	—	—	2,5000
13	Congo	102,000	—	1,03000
14	Tanzania	100,000	—	—
15	Kenya	71,000	—	23,000
16	Togo	7500	—	45,000
17	Banin	60,000	—	227,000
18	Switzerland	—	—	737,000
19	Guatemala	—	—	16,000
20	Jamaica	—	—	9,000
21	Suriname	—	—	3000
22	Ireland	—	—	100,000
23	France	—	—	200,000
24	Portugal	—	—	31,000
25	Malta	—	—	15,000
26	Congo	—	—	3052,000
27	Bangladesh	—	—	60,000
28	Nepal	—	—	21,000



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"You are the best people ever raised for the good of mankind because you have been raised to serve others; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allāh." (3:111)

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Humanitarian Service, an Islāmic Value and a Legacy

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community embodies the Holy Qur'ān's commandment of humanitarian service, "And do not forget to do good to one another"(2:238). The Holy Qur'ān admonishes and questions those who do not help one another, "What is the matter with you that you help not one another?" (37:26).

The Holy Prophet[sa] demonstrated the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān to the fullest extent and was the true representation of service to mankind. The Holy Qur'ān states, "Verily you have in the prophet of Allāh an excellent model." (33:22); "And we have sent thee not but as a blessing (mercy) for the entire universe (for all peoples)" (21:108). According to a narrative, the Holy Prophet[sa] said, "One who is not grateful to mankind is not grateful to Allāh." (Tirmidhi)

The Promised Messiah[as] had a great compassion for mankind. He said, "Sympathy for all mankind is a moral obligation and a duty… A faith is no religion at all if it does not inculcate sympathy; similarly, a man does not deserve to be called a man who has no sympathy in him." (Message of Peace)

The Promised Messiah[as] also explained that, "The teachings of the Holy Qur'ān can be divided into two major categories. The first being unity of God, love and obedience to Him; while the second being treating our fellow beings kindly. Thus, be kind and merciful to humanity… always work for the good of it."

In his book '**Our Teachings**' the Promised Messiah[as] has said: "Being the followers of such a great Prophet[sa], practice the good to an extent where it reaches its highest perfection. Be firm of faith and set such an example that even the angels in Heaven should wonder at your strength and steadfastness and should pray for Allāh's blessings on you."

Humanitarian Services and Khilāfat Ahmadiyya

With the blessings and under the guidance of Khilāfat, the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at has taken up various humanitarian projects in various periods of its establishment. For example, Nusrat Jehan Scheme and IAAAE were launched in the period of 3rd Khilāfat by Hazart Mirza Nasir Ahmad[ra] whereas Humanity First was launched under the guidance and vision of fourth Khalīfa of Ahmadiyyat, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad[rh]. All these schemes entered a new era under the blessed guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa].

Nusrat Jehan Scheme

This scheme was initiated by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad[ra], the 3rd Khalīfa of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. Huzoor-[ra] during his nine week tour of West African countries in April 1970 appealed for a contribution of 100,000 sterling pounds. Under this project, Ahmadī doctors and teachers are serving in Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Gambia, and Sierra Leone by running several medical clinics and secondary schools.[1] More than 39 hospitals and clinics in 12 different countries, 21 homeopathic dispensaries and a state of art cardiac unit at Fazle Umar Hospital in Rabwah has been established under this scheme. In educational sector more than 656 schools in various countries of Africa have been established and are being run by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. Under the blessed guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] the tuition and education of numerous underprivileged students around the world, irrespective of their religious background are being funded.[2]

Humanity First (HF)

Background

In 1993, during the growing crisis of war in Bosnia, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad[rh] the 4th Khalīfa of Jamā'at Ahmadiyyat founded a relief organization by the name of Humanity First. Its mission is to help ease the suffering and create a sustainable future for the victims of war, aggression, famine and natural disaster. This organization has access to thousands of volunteers across the globe and is heavily involved in humanitarian works with vulnerable communities in 50 countries across 6 continents, and is now registered in 42 countries. Ninety three percent (93%) of the donated funds are spent directly on aid projects.

The values associated with Humanity First, "impartial, efficient, collaborative, empowerment, and to help whomever and wherever without discrimination of race, religion, color or culture,"[3] are directly aligned with the values that Islām teaches. The Holy Qur'ān says "Be competitive in doing good" (2: 149). The Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] said, "O men, what I say to you, you must hear and remember... All of you are equal. All men, whatever station in life they may hold, are equal."

Humanitarian Works of Humanity First during Natural World Calamities

Humanitarian service during disastrous calamities covers the provision of humanitarian aid, medical relief, shelter, food and safe water in response to both man-made and natural disasters. The auxiliaries of the Jamā'at play a very vital role in such calamities and have assisted more than 323,337 people during such crisis situations.[4] Some examples in the last 10 years are as follows:

In the table below are listed some examples of the services provided by the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya during the times of unfortunate world disasters.

2003: Iran Earthquake in Southern Iran
2004: Asian Tsunami in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia
2004: Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia
2005: Hurricane Katrina USA and Kashmir earthquake in Pakistan
2005-06: Latin American Flooding in Suriname and Guyana
2007: Peru Earthquake and Sidr Cyclone in Bangladesh
2008: Kenya Post Election Violence in Kenya and Cyclone Nargis in Burma
2009: Gaza Violence in Gaza, Israel, Sumatra Earthquake in Indonesia and Cyclone Alia in Burma
2010: Haiti earthquake
2011: Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, Java Floods in Gurat, West Java, Brazil Floods in Rio de Janeiro, Christ church Earthquake in New Zealand, Horn of Africa Drought in Africa, and Typhoon Washi in Philippines
2012: Hurricane Sandy in USA, Typhoon Bhopa in Philippines and Kogi floods in Nigeria.
2013: Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines

Asian Tsunami

In December of 2004, the South Asian region (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Malaysia) was hit by a devastating Tsunami resulting in the loss of 220 thousands people and leaving 1.6 million homeless. Humanity First quickly raised over £1.5 million and was the first to set up food distribution points and medical centres in India, Sri Lanka, and the Banda Aceh province of Indonesia. HF established a camp at Lamno, in Banda Aceh province, and immediately helped 3,000 people by providing them medical treatment and safe water through the installation of electrical water pumps. HF volunteers worked over 15,000 days over a 5-month period and assisted approximately 30,000 people. Long-term development projects were also established to care for orphans, and to rehabilitate communities.[5, 6]

Kashmir Earthquake

On October 8, 2005, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake shook Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan, killing over 86,000 people and leaving over 3.3 million homeless. Humanity First was the first to reach the earthquake zone. Doctors, paramedics and volunteers from all over the world opened medical and tent camps which still continue to provide long-term health care and shelter to the victims of the earthquake. Humanity First simultaneously worked in conjunction with pharmaceutical companies, international governments, and individual donors to provide victims with medicines, hospital equipment, satellite phones, and electricity. Tents, blankets, clothing items, and medical supplies were collected along with survival kits, aqua boxes, ration packets, crutches, walking aids, wheelchairs, and patient bed lifts for a total of over 286 tons of aid. Temporary shelters were provided to over 27,580 people through tents and alternate temporary housing and approximately 60,000 people benefited.

Haiti

A major earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale, wreaked havoc in the impoverished Caribbean island of Haiti. The death toll was between 250,000 and 300,000 with over 3 million people displaced.

Humanity First was amongst the first few international relief agencies that arrived at the disaster zone in Haiti. The Disaster Response Phase of Humanity First remained activated for seven weeks. During this period, a total of 75 international volunteers from worldwide Humanity First participated in this mission and more than 5,000 patients were treated at the HF base camp clinic. HF operated through 28 mobile medical clinics and served more than 6,000 Haitians in need of emergency and primary health care services.[7]

A critical need after the earthquake was clean drinking water. In many parts of Haiti, problems with clean water existed long before the earthquake. HF provided clean water and also distributed various non-food items during the relief mission that catered for the needs of more than 3,000 earthquake victims. Approximately 60,000 people were assisted through Humanity First.[7, 8]

Horn of Africa

A severe drought had affected over 9 million people in North East Africa in 2011 with acute food shortages and difficulties in accessing water and sanitation. Drought and Famine in various parts of the region covering Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Kenya had displaced millions of people including 25 percent of the population of Somalia. Children and the elderly were most at risk, with an estimate of over 13 million affected.

Humanity First conducted the relief operations from Nairobi, with a focus on: food, water, sanitation and health. Seventy (70) tons of aid including food, hygiene kits, children's packs and bottled water were supplied and around

22,000 people were assisted. Humanity First also deployed 35 water hand-pumps serving 67,000 people. In total, Humanity First assisted 89,000 people.[9]

Typhoon Haiyan Relief

On Friday, November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated a large path through the middle of the Philippines. A State of National Calamity was declared in Samar provinces, Leyte, Cebu, Iloilo, Capiz, Aklan, and Palawan. This disaster left the country with 11 million people affected which included 6,201 dead, 28,626 injured and 1,785 missing. Moreover, 1,140,332 houses (550,928 totally / 589,404 partially) were damaged.

Within 2 days, Humanity First initiated the response and helped more than 20,000 people. More than 10,000 people were provided clean drinking water; more than 2000 people received food and clothing; 600 families were given Water Survival Boxes and 100 new homes were built. About, 300 children received School Supplies; 7000 blankets and 3 tons of rice were distributed; and one large capacity electric generator was installed. From December 2013, phase 2 of restoration and rehabilitation started and is anticipated to be completed by September 2014.[10]

Humanitarian Works in Africa

During his lifetime before Khilāfat, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] lived in Africa for 8 years (1977-1985). In a 2010 address to the Ahmadiyya Pan African Association in London, Huzoor[aa] said:

"I have lived in Africa, I can testify that here are many supremely intelligent African people. When a well-educated person goes to Europe, America and other countries then the locals cannot help but be impressed by his intelligence. Thus, nature has not been unjust to anyone; rather, it is humans who do not utilize the capabilities bestowed upon them in a proper manner."[11]

With such personal experiences, Huzoor[aa] inspired and initiated an array of wide scoping projects to provide healthcare and education to deprived areas in Africa. Dedicated teams of Ahmadīs are currently working through Humanity First and IAAAE all across Africa on projects to install water wells, supply energy to African villages, operate free medical camps, and provide food, medical aid and essential needs to those in requirement.

Brief Summary of some Programs in Africa

Gift of Sight

Humanity First has been successfully conducting several Eye Camps in Guatemala, Benin, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone and Huehuetenango. Over 4,000 cataract surgeries/eye procedures were performed, 20,000 patients were examined and approximately 2,625 people were donated spectacles. The Gift of Sight program plans annual trips to underserved nations worldwide.

Water for Life

Humanity First's Water for Life program ensures that villagers are given sustainable supply of clean water. So far, over 1,235 hand-pumps have been installed in 18 countries serving over 2,358,850 villagers.

Humanity First is working with partners on new and innovative solutions using solar power to pump water to a gravity tank and feed several outlets across a village.[12]

Prevention of Homeless

Humanity First works hard to tackle poverty and homelessness, and although HF provides blankets and warm food for the homeless around many cities, HF's main focus is on prevention. Through this program HF offers counseling to new comers on social, economic, and legal issues.[12]

There are many untold ways in which the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya participate in serving their fellow human beings. There are many untold ways that members of the Jamā'at participate in their own small ways to serve fellow beings in their communities. The auxiliaries of the Jamā'at are particularly active and perform these duties in an organized manner.

Vocational Training Centres

Humanity First Ahmadiyya Vocational College (HFAVC) was established in 2010 in Monrovia, Liberia. Currently it offers 10 vocational trades with dedicated workshops for hands-on training. Under this program in 14 remote countries 34,683 people were trained. The institution is the first of its kind to offer scholarships in Liberia. Masroor Agriculture and Technical Institute (MATI) is a new vocational college in Liberia established in 2013, which started operating in 2014.[12]

Orphan Care

Running and support of orphanages covering the needs of orphans including accommodation, education, food, clothing and health is provided. Orphan programs are currently running in the Gambia, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Burkina Faso and Benin.[12, 16]

Our Kids, Our Future

Working in partnership with local communities, Our Kids, Our Future, provides critical materials and services to schools and students who are motivated to succeed. Some areas of services include providing library books, teaching materials, academic awards and preventive healthcare services.[14]

The impact of Humanity First on our globe

The following table shows the global impact Humanity First has had through its various programs throughout the years. The numbers represent the people assisted through these programs.[16]

Program/ Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	Total
Model Village	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Water for Life	—	91,175	507,375	45,900	171,400	1,238,000	270,000	2,053,850
Feed a Village	30,000	30,895	52,360	47,870	31,120	31,100	1,300	193,345
Learn a Skill	—	4,774	2,908	10,965	2,248	3,941	3,500	2,836
Knowledge for Life	—	26,176	26,426	14,070	21,491	17,016	3,064	105,179
Medical & Social Care	—	21,464	31,167	30,636	47,372	5,535	1,700	136,174
Annual Total	—	183,489	707,688	319,340	298,777	1,307,092	306,404	2,816,386

International Association of Ahmadī Architects and Engineers

IAAAE

IAAAE is a professional organization of Ahmadī architects, engineers and allied professionals. It was founded in 1980 by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III, Mirza Nasir Ahmad[ra]. Its prime objectives include promoting the message of Islām through scientific knowledge and advancement of the professions of engineering and architecture and to interpret and correlate the scientific research in the light of the Holy Qur'ān.

IAAAE also caters to architectural and engineering needs of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at projects around the world, promotes research work. Similarly, it promotes research work and provides guidance to the students in their career planning and other professional activities. The organization also assists its members in the acquisition of latest techniques and knowledge and infuses in them the spirit of extreme devotion, dedication, honesty, truthfulness and hard work.[19]

Some Projects of IAAAE

Model Village

Under the guidance of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] IAAAE has initiated a new project across five countries of West Africa called the Model Village Project. A model village has the amenities of hoses, water wells, hand pumps, community centers, sanitation facilities, paved roads, installed solar panels for electricity needs, vocational training centers and sewage system.

The construction of first Model Village, named **Mehdi Abad,** started in 2010 in Burkina Faso. It consists of 70 houses and can accommodate 400 people.[19]

Some other programs are vocational training centers, architectural work, and maintenance of mosques.

Water Supply

IAAAE has been involved in several initiatives that aim to provide drinking water for developing communities. To date, 1,094 pumps have been installed in different countries. A total of 357 hand pumps were installed in 2010 (for example, Benin 65, Burkina Faso 15, Ghana 22, Gambia 22, Mali 34, Ivory Coast 51); and five (5) were installed in 2011.

IAAAE collaborated with organizations such as Water Aid and helped more than 600,000 people in villages, all over Africa to gain access to safe water. In Rwanda 12 hand pumps are either refurbished or newly established. The cost of this project was 6,600 pounds. In Niger, 85 pumps were installed with a cost

of 33,000 pounds and in Tanzania it cost 17,000 for 33 hand pumps. The most distinguishing feature of these services is that re-servicing and maintenance of these pumps is assured by IAAAE volunteers.

Low Cost Electricity

With the guidance of Huzoor[aa] IAAAE worked to provide electricity to even remote villages of Africa. The European chapter worked towards providing electricity to poor villages of Africa. In East and West Africa, 180 villages have been provided with electricity. West Africa also has 500 functioning solar lanterns. In total, 200 solar systems are operative in different countries of Africa.

The number of solar panels installed during the year 2009 was 104 (Ghana 12, Burkina Faso, 10, Gambia 10, Sierra Leone 10, Tanzania 10, Uganda 10, Mali 12, Benin 15, Togo 5, Congo 10) while the number of solar lanterns provided to different countries was 1,506. Electricity was provided to seven countries via solar panel installation.[20]

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Estimated Number of Beneficiares Worldwide, who Received Support through Disaster Reflief Progarms between 2003 - 2013 [17]

Disaster	Year	Countries Affected	Scale of Disaster	People Assisted	Nature of Help
Iran Earthquake	2003	Southern Iran			Medical, Food, Shelter
Asian Tsunami	2004	Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia	220k killed, 1.6 million homeless	30,000	Medical, Shelter, Food, Clothing
Hurricane Katrina	2005	USA	1.8k killed, millions homeless	1,050	Medical, Shelter/ Re-Furb, Food, Clothing, IT
Kashmir Earth-quake	2005	Pakistan	80k killed, 3.3M homeless	60,000	Medical, Shelter, Food, Clothing, Counseling
Latin American Flooding	2005-06	Suriname, Guy-ana	30k displaced and home-less	10,000	Food, Clothing, IT
Peru Earthquake	2007	Peru	250k homeless	2,000	Food, Clothing, Shelter
Cyclone Sidr	2007	Bangladesh	5k killed, 34k injured, 500k affected	7,000	Medical, Water, Food, Clothing, Shelter
Kenya Post-Election Violence	2008	Kenya	1.5k killed, 600k displaced	2,500	Medical, Food
Cyclone Nargis	2008	Burma	146k killed, 1 M displaced	2,000	Clothing, Water
Gaza Violence	2009	Gaza, Israel	7k killed or injured, 100k homeless,	7,000	Food, Education
Sumatra Earth-quake	2009	Indonesia	4k killed or injured, 1.2M displaced	1,000	Medical, Food, Shelter
Cyclone Aila	2009	Bangladesh	8.5k killed or injured, 1M homeless	1,600	Food, Water, Clothing, Shelter
Haiti Earthquake	2010	Haiti	230k killed, 300k injured, 1M affected	55,000[8]	Medical, Water, Orphan Care, Shelter
Brazil Floods	2011	Rio de Janeriro	900 killed	1,000	Food, Clothing, Shelter, school packs
Christchurch Earth-quake	2011	New Zealand	185 killed, 2k injured	200 families	Food, Clothing, Shelter
Java Floods	2011	Gurat, West Java,	Injured 2,233	800	Food, Clothing, Shelter
Tohoku Earth-quake	2011	Japan	15,846 killed, 3,300 miss-ing, 6,011 injured	650 every day	Food, Clothing, Shelter
Horn of Africa drought	2011	Africa	12.4M affected	89,000	Food, Water, Clothing, Shelter
Typhoon Washi	2011	Philippines	695,000 affected 2,336 Killed	400 Families	Medical, Food, Water,
Hurricane Sandy	2012	USA	285 killed, More than 3M affected	2,000	Food, Water, Cleanup
Typhoon Bhopa	2012	Philippines	400,000 affected, 1,901killed 800 missing	500 families	Food, Water, Clothing
Kogi Floods	2012	Nigeria	1M affected	1,000	Food, Water, Clothing
Typoon Haiyan	2013	Philippines	6,201 dead, 28,626 in-jured, 1,785 missing	20,000	Water, Shelter, Food, Clothing

Blood Donations

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A Valuable Gift of Life

There is a contradictory paradox in the world as on one hand man is engaged in doing great things like making the latest instruments and inventing medication for eliminating diseases to improve quality of life for people; on the other hand, he is engaged in using his capabilities to create advanced weapons of mass destruction to increase his power and usurp the resources of other nations — and for this purpose he does not hesitate to massacre innocent people. We also observe that on a daily basis there is loss of blood and life in traffic and other accidents; if those affected did not receive blood on time, many lives will be lost.

Human Life & Islāmic Teachings

"On account of this, We prescribed for the children of Israel that whosoever killed a person – unless it be for *killing* a person or for creating disorder in the land – it shall be as if he has killed all mankind. And Our Messengers came to them with clear signs, yet even after that, many of them commit excesses in the land." (5:33)

This verse of the Holy Qur'ān encourages blood and organ donation after a person's death. The commentary of this verse can be extracted from the Holy Prophet's[sa] sermon delivered on the occasion of his last Hajj:

"Even as this month is sacred, this land inviolate, and this day holy, so has God made the lives, property and the honour of every man sacred. To take any man's life or his property, or attack his honor, is as unjust and wrong as to violate the sacredness of this day, this month, and this territory. What I command you today is not meant only for today. It is meant for all times. You are expected to remember it and to act upon it until you leave this world and go to the next to meet your Maker.

What I have said to you, you should communicate to the ends of the earth. Maybe those who have not heard me may benefit by it more than those who have heard". (Bukhāri)

The founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community included the teachings of this sermon of the Holy Prophet[sa], in the conditions of Bai'at for joining the Ahmadiyya community. The 9th condition of Bai'at stipulates:

> That he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only and shall endeavour towards the beneficence of mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

Explaining this condition, the Promised Messiah[as] says: "Keep in mind that there are two commands of

Allāh; first that do not associate any partners with Him, neither in His being, attributes or worship and secondly be compassionate towards fellow human beings. It does not mean that the kindness or compassion should be restricted to your brethren and relatives; in fact it should be extended to all humans, without distinction of Hindu or Christians, and to all creations of Allāh".[1]

Keeping these teachings in consideration, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has adopted the attribute of service to humanity as a teaching and as a practice. Jamā'at Ahmadiyya on one hand is serving mankind by establishing schools and hospitals, and on the other hand it is participating in restoring eyesight of the blind and keeping the wounded and needy alive by donation of eyes and blood.

Below is a glimpse at the efforts of Ahmadīs in different countries regarding the organization of blood donation drives in the blessed era of Fifth Khilāfat Ahmadiyya.

Blood Donations by Ahmadīs

Donating blood is an ongoing tradition of Jamā'at so it is not possible to explain it in detail, but we will present a few campaigns as examples.

India: The founder of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah[as], was born in Qadian (India) and the revival of Islām also started from there, so we will start discussing the efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya for blood donation from India.

In India's southern city Bangalore, 700 units of blood are needed every day, but often they are 200 units short of the demand. One unit can save three human lives. To reduce this shortage, on the occasion of the 121st Annual Convention of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in 2012, a camp for blood donation was held in collaboration with the local chapter of the international rotary club at Shaimoga, a southern city of India that is 245

Blood Drive in Bangalore

kilometers north of Bangalore. Dr. Sanjay, Dr. Dhanjay, Medical Director Ester, CBI officer and social activist Mr. Parshant, especially attended the event. The members of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya made the campaign successful by donating their blood. The camp was very well organized and the members of rotary club Shimoga were impressed. Dr. Sanjay said in his speech: "I have seen many blood camps and participated in them too but the blood donation camp organized by this community was exemplary of true compassion and kindness, something that I had never experienced before. For the first time in my life I have been really involved and I am proud to be a part of the camp held by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. Other guests also appreciated the community's efforts."[2]

Following the instructions of the Supreme Leader of the worldwide Ahmadiyya community Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad[aa], the Khuddām and Lajna of Calcutta held a camp on March 3, 2013, in which 54 units of blood was collected for the dialysis patients of Calcutta Swasathiason club.[3]

Blood Drive sign in Calcutta.

Blood Donations in Various Countries

Country	City	Date of Blood Donation Camp	Number of Donors	Units of blood collected
Canada	—	—	—	1,900,000 *300,000 lives saved
	GTA	May 2, 2011	142	115
	Calgary	April 19, 2013	—	75
USA	—	2012	—	11170
	—	2011	—	11803
	—	2013	—	12000
India	Bangalore	January 2014		60
	Calicut District	June 29, 2013	33	—
	Kolkata, Swasthya Sankalp.	March 3, 2013	—	54
	Mumbai	Feb 12, 2012	—	38
	Ernakulum	March 10, 2013	—	30
Australia	Brisbane	March 2006	—	36
	Sydney	November 2009	—	30

Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Mumbai, along with the Arpun blood bank Mumbai arranged a blood donation camp on February 12, 2012. in which 34 units of blood were collected. According to the year-end report of 2013 by Khuddām, on March 10, 2013, 22 Khuddām and Ansār, and 1 Lajna member donated 30 units of blood in India's city Ernakulam of Kerala. Khuddām Ahmadiyya Hyderabad Andrapardesh also arranged to donate blood in Charan Jiwi blood donation camp. Thus all across India, local branches of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at are trying their best to participate in blood donation campaigns, acting on the instructions of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad[aa].[4, 5, 6]

Pakistan: When Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad[ra] migrated to Pakistan after the partition, he established a city, Rabwah, and then proceeded to set up hospitals for the residents of Rabwah and the surrounding population. He also established a centre for blood donation to cater to their needs. Later, under the supervision of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya, during the Khilāfat of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad[rh]; this centre was made into a blood bank in 1994.

> By the Grace of Allāh, Noorul 'Ain Centre for Service to Humanity, in Rabwah has been successfully delivering the services of obtaining, safely storing and providing blood to the needy from many years.

Participating in blood donation campaigns has been the tradition of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya from the beginning and a record for the blood group of members is maintained, and in case of need blood donation is arranged to help the needy.

Noorul 'Ain Dairatul Khidmatul Insania (Noorul 'Ain Centre for Service to Humanity): On July 20, 1994, during the Khilāfat of the fourth Khalīfa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad[rh], Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Pakistan established a centre where blood was donated. In March 1999, it was shifted in a three-storey building in the compound of Aiwan Mahmud.[7] Since 2004 this centre has been operating from a spacious building, which has been named Noorul 'Ain Dairatul Khidmatul Insania

(Noorul 'Ain Centre for Service to Humanity) by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa because it also provides the services through eye donors association and eye bank. Additionally, blood from any blood group can be obtained at any time. By the Grace of Allāh this institute has been successfully delivering the services of obtaining, safely storing, and providing blood to the needy for many years. It is working with the motto of 'my objective and desire and wish is to serve mankind'.

International Blood Donation Schemes

Blood camps are frequently arranged by local Jamā'ats in different countries of the world. After 9/11, Muslims all over the world, especially in Europe, America and Canada were seen with mistrust and hatred and they became the targets of discrimination. Muslims and terrorism were propagated as being closely associated. Contrary to the reaction of other sects of Muslims, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya under the leadership of Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa has been continuously working to prove Islām as a peace loving religion that is against extremism and terrorism. These efforts are being carried out by organizing peace conferences and by participating in humanitarian efforts and blood camps throughout the world.

United Kingdom: It is a fact that all branches of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya England and Scotland have always been actively involved in blood donation schemes. Glasgow (Scotland) and UK Jamā'at always organize a blood donation camp in collaboration with local Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, in which Lajna, Khuddām and Ansār participate.

Muslims for Life: Muslims for Life Ahmadiyya is a part of the Muslims for Peace campaign which was started in U.S.A and UK to practically demonstrate that Muslims are supporters of peace and this campaign has now spread to Ahmadīs all over the world. The aim of Muslims for Life is to collect as much blood that would be enough to save 30,000 lives annually in remembrance of the people who lost their lives in 9/11. It is an effort to promote Islāmic teaching of peace and respect for human life.[8]

USA: Muslims for Life was started on the 10th anniversary commemorating the victims of 9/11 by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at U.S.A. who organized blood donation camps at all Ahmadī mosques, prayer centres and various other places throughout America. In 2012 alone, 11,170 units of blood were collected, whereas in 2011, 11,803 units of blood were collected. In 2013, seventy one (71) Jamā'ats in fifty (50) U.S. cities donated 12,000 units of blood, enough to save 36,000 lives and met the target. Some Congressmen also participated by donating blood.[9]

Canada: Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada has also been actively involved in acting upon Huzoor's instructions of participating in blood donation campaigns. In the blood donation camp organized on May 2, 2010, 115 units of blood were donated by 142 participants.[10] Khuddamul Ahmadiyya all over Canada, including Calgary, has been organizing blood drives every year.[11]

Scarborough Mirror reports on the Scarborough Blood Campaign by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya as: "A blood donation camp was arranged by a local Muslim organization in its mosque Baitul Aafiat on 4th November 2012 and was attended by many young volunteers. This campaign was very successful as 53 units of blood were collected which are equivalent to 24 litres of blood of Canadian blood services.[12]

Blood Donation site at Baitul Islām Mosque, Vaughan, May 2, 2010

Similarly, in Ottawa in Baitun Naseer on September 21, 2013, Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadīyya Ottawa held its first blood drive with18 people donating blood.[13] Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Canada, in the past ten years, has collectively donated 1,900,000 units of blood that were used to save 300,000 lives in Canada and other countries.[14]

Ghana: Ghana (Africa) is among those countries that have many superstitions about blood donation, but because of the efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya on February 26, 2012 in Kamasi, Ghana 50 units of blood were donated to Kamasi hospital and demonstrated that the African Ahmadīs are not behind in this noble cause.[15]

Outsiders' Feedback — Efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in Saving Lives

UK Prime Minister David Cameron (Message from Rt. Hon David Cameron MP to Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK on Centenary)**:** "Your successful contributions to society range from establishing the first mosque in Southfield in 1924 to the extraordinary efforts for the establishment of peace in the whole country. The humanitarian efforts and services provided by you regardless of age and race, environmental protection by planting thousands of trees, providing food to the homeless and arranging blood donation campaigns are some of the examples of your extraordinary work that makes Britain proud of you. Without doubt, this is the practical aspect of a true religion."[16]

Andrew Stunell – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Community & Local Government UK, (at the occasion of a Blood Drive at Fazl Mosque, London, on February 22, 2012): "All religious communities include the values of mercy, kindness, compassion and social justice in their teachings. To practically implement these teachings, these communities may share these values with others."

"Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at has been serving other local communities from a long time. They have raised one million pound sterling only through charity walks and for the last ten years they have been working with the National Blood Services. Last year they collected 1,200 units of blood and their current target is to collect 2,000 units. It is a remarkable start to mobilize social change and I wish them success in their endeavours."[17]

Tom Grilk, Executive Director Boston Athletic Association, (speaking at the blood drive and reception hosted at the Boston State House on October 11, 2013)**:** "It is an honour for the Boston Athletic Association to partner with this community. The message of this Jamā'at is so appropriate that we would be able to spend our lives peacefully while living with others. We applaud the efforts of this community and support them in their message of peace. We appreciate their efforts of arranging blood camps here and in other parts of the world to save human lives. We openly acknowledge that we welcome your motto and are proud to be your partners. We all wish to lead our lives with our own choice, but it will be good to lead such lives while living peacefully with others."[18]

Chief of Police Kenneth Berkowitz Canton Police: "This seems unreal and dream like." He further said that we started the blood donation campaign in collaboration with Muslim for Life organization on September 6th. Our organization collected more than 1200 units of blood in year 2013; every unit of blood can save three lives.[18]

Some comments by American Representatives about the Organization Muslims for Life

(speaking at the Capitol Hill):

Democratic representative Brad Sherman: "There has been a quest in this country in regards to how 9/11 can be remembered in the best way; most certainly there is no greater way than by rejecting the

philosophy of hate, blood donation camps are arranged to protect lives. I commend Muslims for Life, especially Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at USA who has organized this scheme. It is an eye-opener for all the Americans who are looking for ways to commemorate 9/11."[19]

US Congressman Tom Petri: "It is an amazing plan; a tragedy has given rise to compassion. It is for the second year that thousands of units of blood have been collected throughout America and the effort is ongoing. These people are doing a very noble deed by being steadfast on their religion. Deeds speak louder than words."[19]

US Congressman Frank Wolf: "To remember and honour the victims of 9/11, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at under the banner of Muslims for Life has organized a campaign for blood donation and practically demonstrated to people of all religions to work together for a common cause." [19]

This article establishes the truth of Surah Al-Nur, Verse 56 in this era; that is, due to the blessings of Khilāfat and the leadership of Khalīfa, the believers are able to convey the great principles and values of Islām to the world.

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, under the guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] is busy organizing peace conferences on one hand, and on the other hand is busy trying to remove the scars created by 9/11, by organizing blood camps and donating blood to local blood banks. It is succeeding in extending this message to the influential people and also to the masses. If Allāh wills, that day is not far when the whole world will accept and acknowledge the Holy Prophet[sa] as the prince of peace, champion of liberation and the benefactor of humanity and will try to invoke blessings (Darud) on him.

These are the bonds of pain; we will settle them by giving blood.

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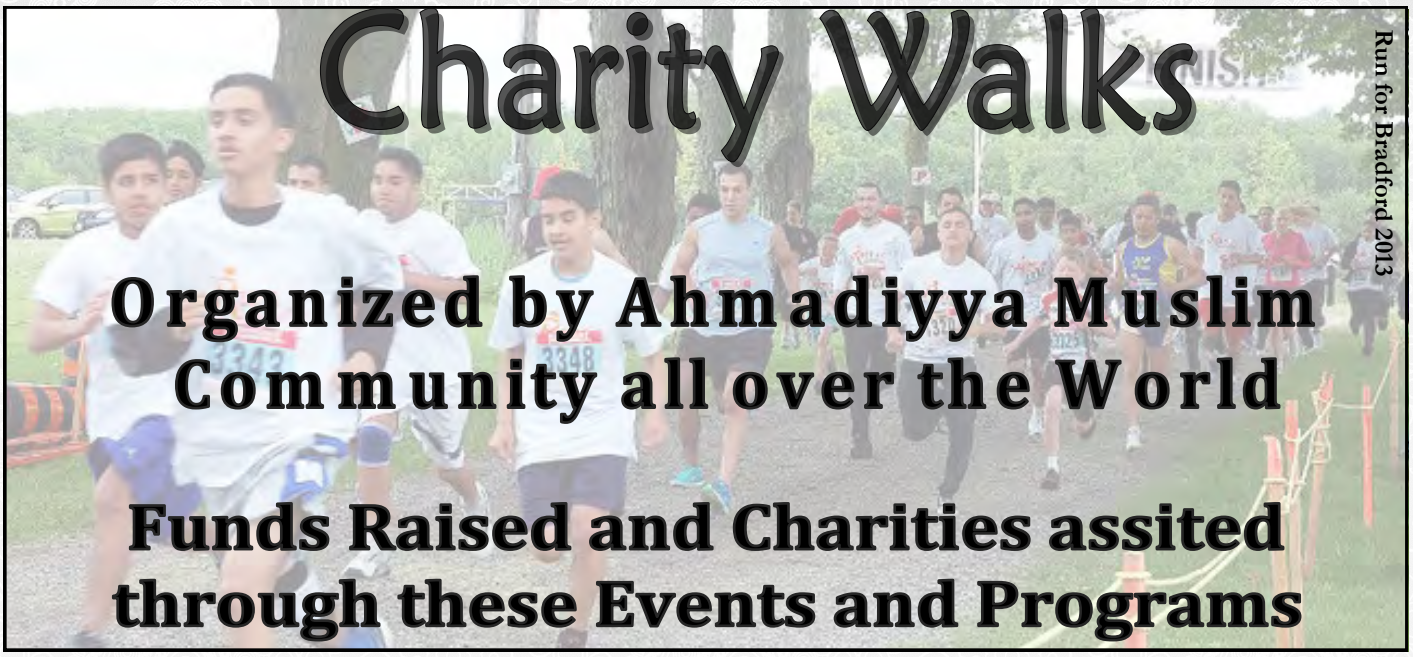
Charity Walks



Organized by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community all over the World

Funds Raised and Charities assited through these Events and Programs

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In the Holy Qur'ān, Allāh says:

> "You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allāh….." (3:111)

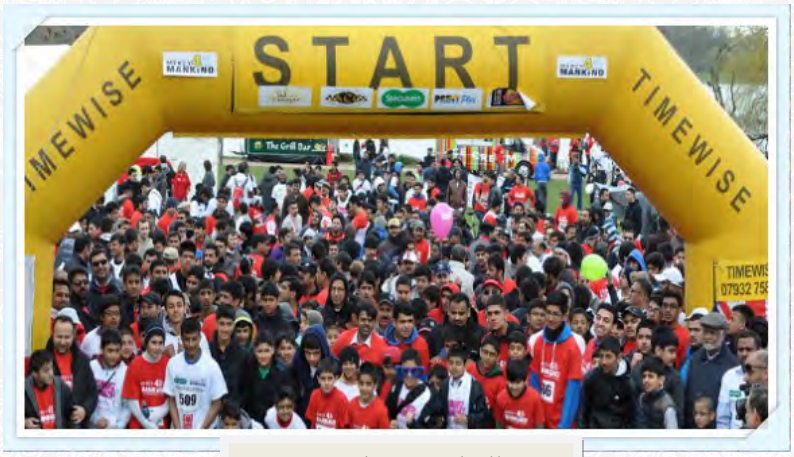
Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (May peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) was a perfect embodiment of goodness and compassion for humankind. He exemplified it in his noble character and called upon his followers to practice it through charitable works. Once the Holy Prophet[sa] said, "Every Muslim should give in charity." The people asked: "(But what) if someone has nothing to give, what should he do?" The Prophet[sa] replied: "He should work with his hands and benefit himself and give in charity from what he earns." Then people further asked: "If he cannot find even work?" The Holy Prophet[sa] replied: "He should help the needy who appeals him for help." Then the people asked: "If he cannot do (even) that?" The Prophet[sa] said: "Then he should perform righteous deeds and keep away from evil deeds, and that will be regarded as charity from him." (Sahih Al-Bukhāri) A companion of the Holy Prophet[sa] Abdullah ibn Amr narrates, "a man asked the Holy Prophet[sa], what in Islām is best. He answered: to feed people and to greet everyone with the greeting of peace whether you know them or not". (Bukhāri and Muslim).

The 9th Condition of Bai'at (initiation) laid down by the Promised Messiah[as] to enter the fold of Ahmadiyyat is solely to act for the benefit of humanity, irrespective of their creed, caste, race or religion. Following the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān, the exemplary model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and guidelines by the Promised Messiah[as], the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has always been in the forefront in planning and organizing charitable events and schemes for deprived and less privileged global communities. Nusrat Jehan Scheme (1970), IAAAE (1980), Humanity First (1993) and charity fundraisers of various kinds (from 2002) are illustrious examples of charity works carried out in various periods of Khilāfat Ahmadiyyat. In this article however we will mainly focus on the charity works carried out in various countries from 2003-2013; the first blessed decade of the 5th period of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya.

Charity Works in United Kingdom

Ahmadiyya Youth 5K and 10K Charity Challenge

Under the direct supervision of our beloved Imam, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya United Kingdom has organized extraordinary charitable events in the past ten years. The most notable of these events include the UK Khuddām's (Ahmadiyya Youth) 5K and 10K Charity Challenge. Though the Charity Challenge was founded in 1985, in the past ten years the event has raised more money than ever, surpassing over 1 million pounds. The walks are held throughout England and contribute to dozens of charity organizations including Humanity First, Save the Children and Leukemia Research. The event has been covered by many local media outlets including local BBC stations.[1]



2013 UK Charity Challenge

At the 2012 Peace Conference, the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson admired community works of Ahmadiyya Community. He said:

Funds raised by MKACC from 2003-2013[3]

Year	Amount Raised
2012	£240,000
2011	£140,000
2010	£164,000
2009	£113,000
*2008	£200,000
2007	£104,000
2006	£40,000
2005	£30,000
2004	£25,000
2003	£20,000

Ahmadiyya Youth Selling Poppies

Charities supported by 10K Run[2]

* Royal National Institute for the Blind
* Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability
* Royal British Legion
* Great Ormond Street Hospital
* Save the Children
* Leukemia & Lymphoma Research
* Humanity First
* Barnardos
* NSPCC
* MacMillan Cancer Research
* British Heart Foundation
* Yorkhill Hospital
* RHN
* St. David's Charity
* AEGM
* CLIC Sargent
* Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity
* RMCHC
* MK Dons SET
* Warwickshire Association For the Blind
* The Children Trust, Tadworth

"What a fantastic thing it is that you are doing and you are showing the amazing contribution the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community makes to London and the whole of this country."[4]

The Love for All Hatred for None Website Reports: First organized in 1985, this year represents the 27th anniversary (year 2013) of AMYA's (Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association) Challenge. The annual event 'challenges' the Muslim youth to raise funds for chosen charities and to engage Muslim youth in the participation and organization of the event each year. Over the course of the years, it has raised in excess of £1 million for charitable causes.[5]

Last year, the event consisted of a 10km walk or run in Leamington Spa. More than 800 young British Muslims attended and many more helped to raise £138,000 for the supported charities.

ALPS Hike 2012

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association of the UK has also organized a similar event called the ALPS Hike 2012. In this event, 34 young Ahmadī boys spent 5 days hiking across the French Alps to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. They were able to raise 6,500 pounds.[6]

Poppy Selling Campaign

Another notable campaign launched nationwide by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association is the Poppy Selling campaign. The AMYA began raising funds for the Royal British Legion in 2010, and to-date has raised £45,000. In regards to the Poppy Selling campaign, Huzoor[aa] said:

"Muslims are obliged to be loyal to the country in which they live. Honoring those who fought to defend and safeguard one's country is an important principle of Islām and in fact is an important principle of peace – especially when it is carried out with a sincere heart and for the sake of winning God's pleasure."[7]

The efforts made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association (AMYA) in collecting money for the Royal British Legion have been recognized by Russell Thompson, Director of Fundraising at the Royal British Legion, and Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Cleg.[8]

Prime Minister David Cameron acknowledged the efforts of the Ahmadī Youth in a statement:

"I send my best wishes to the Ahmadiyya Muslim youth organization who are supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. I am delighted to hear over 300 members will be out in force throughout November collecting at train stations and other places around the country. It's great to see so many young people giving up their own time to help those who have served our country while remembering those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice."[9]

ITV News reported: For the fourth year in a row, Muslims from across Yorkshire will be out on the streets selling poppies. Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association will be raising hundreds of pounds for the Royal British Legion.[10]

This Is Local London reported: Muslim youngsters from a Southfields mosque joined members of the armed forces to collect money for the annual Poppy Appeal.[11]

Tree Plantation Campaign:

In 2013, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association launched a campaign to plant 50,000 trees across the United Kingdom. AMYA was able to pass its target and managed to plant 64,000 trees and were able to mobilize over 1,000 Ahmadī Youth to help the association reach its target. The campaign was covered by many local newspapers and radio stations including the BBC Three Counties Radio station. The AMYA plans to plant trees across the country

Ahmadiyya Youth Planting Trees

again in 2014, this time with a target of 100,000 trees in mind.[12] Louise Neicho, woodland officer for Heartwood Forest, said:

"On average it takes two volunteers six minutes to plant a tree. The members of MAA (Muslim Ahmadiyya Association) worked like a whirlwind."[13]

The campaign was highly publicized by media including the Wimbledon Guardian.[14,15,16]

Majlis Ansārullāh's Annual Charity Walk for Peace

From money raised by Majlis Ansārullāh's (the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association) Annual Charity Walk for Peace, just under £3,000 was presented to charities including the Mayor's charities and three other local charities which included the St. Peter's Hospital, Early Births Fund, Friends of Chernobyl's Children and the York Road Project.[17]

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fundraisers

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association marked the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee throughout the UK with such programs as lighting up the Mosques, street parties, feeding the homeless and holding charity walks in which £450,000 was raised for Her Majesty, the Queen's charity and other charities. Members from Huddersfield South community raised more than £19,000 as well as participated in the walk.[18]

Over the years the format has evolved into a sponsored 10K Walk or Run and has taken place in different locations across the country.

Home Secretary Theresa May said: "The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has a long tradition of raising money for good causes and has raised more than £1.5m for various charities including the Royal British Legion."

"I welcome this latest campaign by their youth association and would encourage everyone who sees them collecting for the Poppy Appeal to give generously."[19]

Charity Works in Canada

Run for Vaughan Marathon

One of the most significant events that Jamā'at Canada has been blessed to host for the past ten years is the Run for Vaughan marathon. Held every year for the past ten years, the walk has raised over $400,000 from members in the Greater Toronto Area. All proceeds have gone to the Mackenzie Health Hospital in Vaughan. Founded by members of the Ahmadiyya Community in Vaughan, the event is sponsored by all types of business and government partners.[20]

In a 2012 interview, the then Mayor of Vaughan, Maurizio Bevilacqua commended work of Jamā'at. She said:

"The run for Vaughan is an incredible opportunity to come together as a community and I want to thank the Ahmadiyya Community for taking on this incredible role and to organize this run for Vaughan that is helping us with healthcare in this great city of ours."[21]

Run for Bradford (BWG)

Run for Bradford was first started in 2010 by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG). This fundraiser is organized for the Town every year on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at property on 10 Sideroad in Bradford West Gwillimbury. The funds raised from this event are donated to the town's Family Health Centre, Library, and Cultural & Leisure Centre facility.[42]

Food Collection for Humanity First

Other notable efforts of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada include pulling together to collect a total of 120,000 pounds of food for Humanity First in 2008. The country was also able to collect 220 blood donations for Canadian Blood Services in the same

year. The next year, Jamā'at Canada pulled together to collect 159,377 pounds of food for Humanity First.

Blood Drives

Jamā'at Canada has partnered with the Canadian Blood Services for the past ten years, holding a blood drive twice a year. Since the inception of Tahir Hall, it has become one of the largest blood donor clinics in Canada. The food drives are also an annual event.[22]

Charity Works in Australia

Though Jamā'at Australia is smaller than other Jamā'ats around the world, it has managed to hold several charitable events in the last decade.

Walkathon in Western Sydney

In 2006, Jamā'at Australia held a walkathon in Western Sydney. The money collected from the walk went to the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children. The funds collected from this event are not available.[23]

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Australia Jamā'at has also been a strong contributor of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, an event that raises money to fight cancer. Jamā'at Australia has taken part in this event in 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2013. These events were held throughout Australia.[24] The collection surpassed $8,000 and all proceeds went to the Cancer Council of Australia.[25]

Cleanup Australia Day

On March 7, 2010, Jamā'at Australia took part in the Cleanup Australia Day, outnumbering any other organization in volunteers and collections. The Jamā'at had a total of 217 members, who were able to collect $665. The event was covered by local TV Stations and newspapers.[26]

That same month, Queensland Jamā'at took part in the Cleanup Australia Day. It was a two-week event and the Khuddām were able to collect $4,048.[27]

Majlis Al-Tahir Soccer Tournament

On February 10, 2013, Melbourne Jamā'at held a Majlis Al-Tahir soccer tournament that was accompanied by food stalls. This tournament was held for HF and members were able to collect $1,763.

Queensland flood

The members of Jamā'at Australia have also served the community by donating blood, helping to clean the community and aiding in disaster relief in the wake of the 2011 Queensland flood. Their efforts have been recognized by the mayor of the city of Brisbane.[28]

Masroor Tournament Sydney

On Sunday, November 6, 2005, a sports tournament (Masroor Tournament) was held at Masjid Baitul Huda in Sydney. This tournament was organized in order to raise funds for the victims of the South Asian Earthquake, which devastated many parts of northern Pakistan on October 8, 2005. An amount of $4,000 was raised for the victims of the catastrophic Pakistan earthquake.[29]

Melbourne Pakistan Earthquake Fundraiser

On Friday, November 4, 2005, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Australia in Melbourne (Victoria branch) celebrated 'Īdul Fitr as well as raised funds for the victims of the Pakistan earthquake by food sale.[30]

Brisbane Masroor Cup

On Sunday, November 13, 2005, by the Grace of Allāh, Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Brisbane, Queensland successfully organized a cricket match named "Masroor cup". The match raised a total of $2,140 for the earthquake victims of Pakistan.[31]

Humanity First Soccer Tournament by Majlis Al Tahir, South Australia:

On February 10, 2013, by the Grace of God, a charity soccer tournament was organized by Majlis Al-Tahir, Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya South Australia for Humanity

First. A total of $1,763 was raised, $1,163 of which came from food stalls and the remaining $600, from team entry fees.

Charity Works in Malta

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Malta contributed to the annual charity event L-Istrina 2012. Total donations made by Jamā'at were €3,294,997.[32]

'Īdul Fitr Feast:

The global Ahmadiyya community organizes charity events around the world prior to the celebration of the feast of 'Īdul Fitr at the end of month of fasting or Ramadan. Malta donated €500 to the Richmond Foundation, which works in the mental health field.

In 2010 Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Malta donated 13 packets of food items to Dar tal-Providenza, a Maltese charitable institute which helps disabled and handicapped people.

On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Malta, packets of food were distributed to 45 families and 100 single women living at Hal Far refugee camp on September 29, 2008.

Charity Works in Germany

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Germany has held several walks throughout the country from 2007 to 2013. In 2010 a charity walk held in Wiesbaden raised €6000.[33]

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya have organized charity walks and donated to multiple charities. A total of €6,000 were donated by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community to two non-profit children's charity organizations "Zwerg Nase" and "Bärenherz". Each charity received about €3,000. Dr. Helmut Müller, Mayor of the city of Wiesbaden was present when Abdullah Wagishauser, the president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community presented a total of €6,000 to these charities.

In 2013, a charity walk was organized by Ansār Germany in the cities of Mannheim, Hamburg, Gernsheim, Hattersheim, Marburg and Neuss.[34] The efforts from this walk helped to collect close to €100,000.[35]

Charity Works in theUnited States

The United States Jamā'at has hosted several commendable events to help those in need. In November of 2010, Jamā'at members served the homeless and underprivileged families in Southern California through Humanity First. The Jamā'at served nearly 2,000 families.[36]

Muslims for Life – Blood Drives

In 2011, Jamā'at USA launched a nationwide campaign named "Muslims for Life" to honour the victims of 9/11. Through this campaign, the US Jamā'at was able to collect 11,803 pints of blood in 2011 alone. In 2012 the U.S. Jamā'at was able to collect 11,170 pints of blood. The U.S. Jamā'at partnered with several organizations for this event including the American Red Cross. The blood drives were covered by many newspapers across the country.[37]

Walk for Humanity

In 2012, the U.S. Jamā'at held various Walks for Humanity. A national Walk for Humanity was held in Milwaukee followed by three regional walks in DC, New York and Zion. The charities helped in these walks were Why Hunger, Humanity First USA and the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Country. A total of $92,000 was raised.[38]

In 2013, four regional Walks for Humanity were held in New Jersey, Zion, DC and Chino. Several

organizations were helped with these walks including: Why Hunger, Humanity First USA, Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, Capital Area Food Bank, Added Value, MEND NJ, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation. Over $100,000 was raised.[39]

The walkathons were covered by a variety of local newspapers including Chino's Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, the online Maryland Gazette and appeared on the online news blog examiner.com.

Food Collection

Also in 2013, the Majalis Khuddām packed 600 bags of food items for local food pantries at the National Ijtema in New Jersey. They broke the world record for packing 600 bags in just 3 minutes.

Charity Works in Switzerland

Charity walks were organized in Bern, Switzerland, raising 5,000 francs in 2012. Jamā'at Switzerland held another charitable walk on September 14, 2013, in Fraunfeld. Sponsored by the Khuddām, the funds raised were for clean water in Guatemala.[40]

Charity Works in New Zealand

Sponsored by the Ansārullāh, the New Zealand Jamā'at has been organizing a yearly walkathon since 2009. The funds raised from the walks are donated to Humanity First and the New Zealand Foundation of the Blind. Figures of funds raised from the walks are unknown.[41]

By the Grace of Allāh, the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya have been able to raise millions of dollars and aid hundreds of local communities worldwide under the divine guidance of Huzoor (may Allāh be his helper). Ahmadīs all over the world have striven to adhere to the 9th condition of Bai'at. By serving mankind, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at has presented the true face of Islām to the entire world.

May Allāh strengthen the hands of our beloved Imam and may Jamā'at Ahmadiyya continue to progress. Amīn!

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Summary of some Charity Walks around the World, 2003 – 2013

Statistics derived from the article and sources above.

Date	Country	Place	Event	Funds Raised	Charities Helped
2003	United Kingdom	—	Charity Challenge	£20,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability / Royal British Legion/ Great Ormond Street Hospital/ Save the Children Leukemia and Lymphoma Research/ Humanity First /Barnardos NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research British Heart Foundation/Yorkhill Hospital
Oct.26, 2003	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan	$50,000	Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital
2004	United Kingdom		Charity Challenge	£25,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability /Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/Leukemia and Lymphoma Research /Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital
Sep. 26, 2004	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan	$50,000	Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital
June13, 2005	UK	Hartlepool	Charity Challenge	£30,000	Save the Children/Cancer Research UK/ Hartlepool and District Hospice Butterwick Hospice
Oct.20, 2005	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan		Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital
Nov. 4, 2005	Australia	Melbourne	ʿĪd Sale Food	$370	Victims of Pakistan Earthquake
Nov. 6, 2005	Australia	Baitul Huda Sydney	Masroor Tournament	$4,000	Victims of Pakistan Earthquake
Nov. 13, 2005	Australia	Brisbane	Masroor Cup	$2,140	Victims of Pakistan Earthquake
2006	Australia	Western Sydney	Walkathon	Funds Unknown	Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
2006	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan	Not Available	Mackenzie Vaughan Hostpial
August 27, 2006	UK	Islāmabad, Tilford	Charity Challenge	£40,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability /Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/Leukemia and Lymphoma Research / Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital

Date	Country	Place	Event	Funds Raised	Charities Helped
2007	UK		Charity Challenge	£104,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability /Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/Leukemia and Lymphoma Research /Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital
2007	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run For Vaughan	Not Available	Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital
May 19, 2007	Australia	Sydney	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	$550	Cancer Council of Australia
May 25, 2008	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan	Not Available	Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital
March 9, 2008	Australia	Adelaide	Red Door Knock Appeal	$250	Salvation Army
May 11, 2008	Australia	Nationwide	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Not Available	Cancer Council of Australia
2008	UK		Charity Challenge	£200,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability /Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/Leukemia and Lymphoma Research /Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital
2009	UK		Charity Challenge	£113,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability /Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/Leukemia and Lymphoma Research /Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital
May 31, 2009	Canada	Vaughan, Ontario	Run for Vaughan	Unavailable	Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital
Nov. 28-Dec. 8 2009	Canada	Nationwide	Food Drive	159,377 lbs of food	Humanity First
2009	New Zealand		Walkathon	Not Available	Humanity First Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind

Date	Country	Place	Event	Funds Raised	Charities Helped
March 6 & 7, 2010	Australia	Canberra	Australia Cleanup Day	$4,048	Australia Red Cross
2010	Canada	Vaughan	Run for Vaughan	—	Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital
2010	Canada	Haiti Earthquake Fund-raising Dinner		—	Humanity First
2010	Germany	Wiesbaden	Walk	€6,000	—
March 6, 2010	New Zea-land	Flat Bush, Manukau	Walkathon		Humanity First Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind
May 9, 2010	UK	Windsor, Middlesex	Charity Challenge	£164,000	Royal Institute for the Blind / Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability / Royal British Legion Great Ormond Street Hospital /Save the Children/ Leukemia and Lymphoma Research /Humanity First Barnardos /NSPCC /MacMilian Cancer Research / British Heart Foundation / Yorkhill Hospital
May 15, 2011	Australia	Sydney	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	$1,513	Cancer Council
May 1, 2011	Australia	Brisbane	Australia's Biggest Morning Day 1 and Day 2	$822 (from both days)	Cancer Council
May 22, 2011	Australia	Brisbane			Cancer Council
2011	Australia	Nation-wide	Flood Relief		Helped clean houses of victims of flood
May 29, 2011	Canada	Vaughan	Run for Vaughan	Unavaila-ble	Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital
May 8, 2011	UK	Leaming-ton Spa	Charity Challenge Walkathon	£140,000	Various Charities
Sep. 2011	USA	Nation-wide	Muslims for Life	11,803 pints of blood	American Red Cross
May 27, 2012	Canada	Vaughan	Run for Vaughan	$45,000	Mackenzie Health Hospital
May 13, 2012	UK	Grounds of Tower of London	Charity Challenge	£240,000	Various Charities
2012	UK	French Alps	ALPS Hike 2012	£6,500	MacMillan Cancer Research
Sep. 2012	USA	Nation wide	Muslims for Life	11,170 pints of blood	American Red Cross

Date	Country	Place	Event	Funds Raised	Charities Helped
2012	USA	Milwaukee DC/New York /Zion	Walk for Humanity	$92,000	Why Hunger Humanity First USA Boys and Girls Club of Lake Country
2012	Switzerland	Bern	Walk	5,000 Francs	—
Nov. 11, 2012	Germany	Hamburg	Charity Walk	—	—
2013	Australia	Sydney Victoria Brisbane South Australia	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	$3608	Cancer Council of Australia
Feb. 10, 2013	Australia	Melbourne	Majlis Al-Tahir Soccer Tournament	$1,763	Humanity First
Sep. 29, 2013	Canada	Vaughan	Run for Vaughan	To date over $400,000	Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital
Dec. 3, 2013	Canada	Etobicoke	Dine and Let Humanity Shine	—	Humanity First
April 28, 2013	UK	Milton Keynes	Charity Challenge	£250,000	Various Charities
2010-2013	UK	Nationwide	Poppy Selling Campaign	Over £40,000	Royal British Legion
2013	UK	Nationwide	Tree Planting	Planted 64,000 trees	—
2013	USA	New Jersey Zion DC Chino	Walk for Humanity	Over $100,000	Why Hunger / Humanity First / Boys and Girls Club of Lake County / Capital Area Food Bank Harbor Community Benefit Foundation / Added Value
April 20, 2013	New Zealand	Flat Bush, Manukua	Walkathon	Unavailable	Royal Institute of Blind Humanity First
2013	Germany	Mannheim Hamburg Gernsheim Hattersheim Neuss Boblingen Marburg	Walk	Over €100,000	Information not available.

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Section No. 6

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

A brief mention of the noble Ahmadīs who sacrificed their lives between 2003 to 2013

وَلَا تَقُوْلُوْا لِمَنْ يُّقْتَلُ فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ
اَمْوَاتٌ ؕ بَلْ اَحْيَآءٌ وَّ لٰكِنْ لَّا
تَشْعُرُوْنَ ﴿۱۵۵﴾

And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allāh that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not. (2:155)

Inside this section:

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- *Incidents of Martyrdoms after the Lahore Massacre*
- *Unparalleled Blessings after the Lahore Massacre*
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Unparalleled Sacrifices of the Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

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Like the early followers of Islām, who were mercilessly persecuted for their faith, Ahmadī Muslims have and continue to endure unthinkable torment at the hands of opponents. Often times, severe persecution has been followed by martyrdoms. The first Ahmadī Muslim to lay down his life was Hazrat Maulawi Abdur Rehman Sāhib[ra], who was martyred on June 20, 1901, in Kabul, Afghanistan.[1] For over a century since his martyrdom, the persecution of Ahmadī Muslims has risen at an alarming level, reaching a devastating height in the Lahore mosque attacks of May 28, 2010.

In this piece, we take a look at some notable incidents of persecution that occurred during the first ten years of Khilāfat Khāmisah; that is, from April 2003 to December 2013. We document the advice of Huzoor[aa] to the worldwide Jamā'at and the peaceful reaction of Ahmadī Muslims in the face of the deadliest massacre perpetrated by opponents. We show that despite the Pakistani media's failure to reflect on the Lahore martyrdoms, international media shed immense light on the plight of Ahmadī Muslims in Pakistan. In closing, we recount the downpour of Allāh's blessings in the 2 to 3 years after this magnificent sacrifice to which there is no past parallel in the history of Ahmadiyyat.

Incidents of Martyrdom before the Lahore Massacre

Since 9/11, the world has witnessed an increase in Islāmic extremism, notably in the Indian sub-continent. The influence of hardline clerics in the region has unfortunately increased the persecution of members of the Ahmadīyya community from every walk of life. This, of course, has been worsened by the Pakistani constitutional amendment written 30 years ago, which declared the Ahmadīyya community heretical. By politically institutionalizing the marginalization of the Ahmadīyya community, the extremists were allowed to attack members of the Jamā'at with complete impunity. The treatment of the Ahmadīyya community particularly in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Indonesia has been a great cause for concern. Not only mosques but also Ahmadī homes have been attacked and burnt.[2] May Allāh give strength to all Jamā'at members faced with these day-to-day hardships. Amīn.

In total, 50 Ahmadī Muslims from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were martyred between April 2003 and May 27, 2010.[3] May Allāh give strength to their families and elevate their status in heaven. Amīn.

2005: Martyrdoms in Mandi Baha'uddin, Punjab

On October 7, 2005, an attack took place near the town of Mandi Baha'uddin in Punjab. Eight Ahmadīs were martyred and 20 were injured. Two gunmen had entered the mosque during Fajr prayers and simply opened fire on the worshippers. Sadiq Hussain Sherazi was leading the prayers at the time of the attack.

"I immediately threw myself on the floor," he said. "The attackers thought I was dead and that is what saved me. After a while I got up and saw bodies all around me. There was blood and chaos all around and the wall was full of bullet holes." [4]

In his Friday Sermon of October 14, 2005, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] prayed for the martyrs and their loved ones, and said that while Ahmadīs occupy themselves with seeking God's love during Ramadan extremists who are misguided by Mullahs try to seek Allāh's pleasure by killing Ahmadīs, but little do they know that they are in for Allāh's wrath. Huzoor[aa] prayed for each Ahmadī to be protected from all harm and for opponents to be brought to justice. Huzoor[aa] further instructed Ahmadīs, especially the bereaved, to pray for patience and mercy. He reminded the Community that the martyrs have been granted eternal life and that their sacrifice will never go in vain. Huzoor[aa] prayed that in times of misfortune, may we remember what the Holy Qur'ān states: **"Surely to Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return." (2:157)** Indeed, the Holy Prophet[sa] said that if a believer is patient and steadfast in grief, hardship or loss then this demeanour is a source of blessing for them.[6]

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Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]

2008: Martyrdom as a Result of an Infamous Broadcast of the Geo Television Program 'Aalim Online'

The influence of extremists in Pakistan continued to grow, and hatred towards the Ahmadīyya Community was preached through public media outlets with complete impunity.[7] The infamous broadcast of the Geo Television program 'Aalim Online' which aired on September 7, 2008, was followed by the murder of two eminent members of the community.[8]

Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqi

On September 8, 2008, Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqi was shot repeatedly by 3 assailants while working at his hospital in Mirpur Khas, Pakistan.[9] On September 9, 2008, Saith Muhammad Yusuf was shot 3 times while at work.[10] The highly offensive program, 'Aalim Online' referred to the Ahmadīyya Community as "kafir" (infidel) and claimed that all Ahmadī Muslims are "wajibul qatl" (deserving of death).[11]

In his Friday Sermon of September 12, 2008, Huzoor[aa] spoke of both martyrs as being ardent servants of Khilāfat.[12] Huzoor[aa] spoke of Dr. Manan Siddiqi fondly and said he had a charming temperament. He was the first Pakistani Ahmadī to be martyred after May 27, 2008. His martyrdom is a testimony that the faith of Ahmadī Muslims is just as firm in the second century of the Ahmadīyya Khilāfat as it was in the first century and beyond. Huzoor[aa] knew him personally for many years. His father, Abdul Rahman Siddiqi Sāhib, was an acquaintance of Huzoor's[aa] father and would come and visit him. Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqi's maternal grandfather was Hashmat Ullah Khan Sāhib[ra], a companion of the Promised Messiah[as]. Huzoor[aa] said Allāh had granted this servant of the Promised Messiah[as] the power of healing. Huzoor[aa] said that Dr. Sāhib was utterly humble with no presumptions about his high education, ownership of a hospital, or presidency of the region. Huzoor[aa] further said that not only did Dr. Siddiqi treat his needy patients free of charge, but he also helped them financially. Huzoor[aa] stated that in his opinion Dr. Sāhib was an embodiment of a devotee of Khilāfat and was among the best of Huzoor's[aa] associates. May Allāh elevate his station in Paradise.

Huzoor[aa] described Saith Muhammad Yusuf Sāhib as a most sincere servant of the community; he served as the Amīr of Nawabshah region from 1993 up until the time of his demise. Sociable, compassionate and very popular, Saith Muhammad Sāhib was always first in saying Salaam (greetings of peace) to others. He took great care and paid great attention to all the needs of Waqfīn Zindagi (life devotees). He was a Mūsī and had built a large mosque in Nawabshah.

Huzoor[aa] mentioned that Allāh states...martyrdom does not go unrequited. Instead, God Himself takes revenge of every single drop of blood spilled by a martyr.

Huzoor[aa] also mentioned that Allāh states if people imagine that by taking a life they have earned a great reward, they should remember that the one whom they have martyred has attained Divine nearness; and martyrdom does not go unrequited. Instead, God Himself takes revenge of every single drop of blood spilled by a martyr.

2009: Martyrdom of Dr. Shiraz Bajwa and Dr. Noreen Bajwa

In his Friday Sermon of March 20, 2009, Huzoor[aa] mentioned that in the previous week, extremists had martyred a young couple, who were doctors, only because they had accepted the Promised Messiah[as]. Dr. Shiraz Bajwa was 37 years old, and at 28 years of age, Dr. Noreen Bajwa, his wife, was the youngest female Ahmadī martyr at the time. Both were well-liked and popular. On March 14, 2009, their bodies were discovered by their housekeeper at their home. Dr. Shiraz Bajwa's body was found lying in the bedroom, hands tied behind his back, mouth gagged, eyes blindfolded and with visible marks of strangulation. Meanwhile, his wife's body was found in the living room. Huzoor[aa] noted that since the two lived in a gated residential area with security, their martyrdoms could have been an 'inside job.'[13]

Ataul Karim Noon was martyred on August 6, 2009, after three armed assailants snuck into his house in Multan, Pakistan. Huzoor[aa] conveyed the sad news of the young man's martyrdom in his Friday Sermon the following day. He was an educated businessman and a Mūsī who had a sincere connection with the Community. He left behind a wife and two daughters, as well as his parents, three sisters, and four brothers. Huzoor[aa] led his funeral Prayer in absentia after Jum'a.[14]

2010: Martyrdom in Faisalabad

Before the Lahore attacks, six people were martyred in 2010, including 3 from the same family. On April 1, 2010, Sheikh Ashraf Parvez, Sheikh Masood Jawed and Asif Masood were killed in a barbaric attack in Faisalabad, Pakistan.[15] The attack took place as all three Ahmadīs were returning home from their family-run business. The four or five attackers started firing at the car belonging to Ahmadīs, causing them serious injuries. All three Ahmadīs died before reaching the hospital. Speaking about the murders in Faisalabad, Huzoor[aa] said, "This incident causes the utmost grief; these killings were utterly barbaric. All three Ahmadīs were extremely good-natured and righteous persons. May Allāh elevate the status of the deceased in heaven and grant patience to the bereaved family." [16]

The Lahore Massacre
Reaction of Huzoor[aa] and Jamā'at

In the afternoon of May 28, 2010, while gathered for Friday Prayers, 86 Ahmadī Muslim men—some as young as 17 and some with over 90 years to their name—gave the ultimate sacrifice, becoming martyrs in twin attacks on the Ahmadīyya Muslim community's Baitul Nur and Darul Zikr mosques in Lahore, Pakistan.[17]

As news of the brazen attacks on Baitul Nur and Darul Zikr spread, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] consoled members of the international Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at in the following words:

> "Our salvation lies in our supplications to God Almighty and we believe that He has, and always will, help us. No terrorist and no government can ever stop the progress of our Jamā'at because it is a Divine organization."[18]

In the statement issued that same day, Huzoor[aa] condemned the attacks as "completely barbaric and alien to all forms of humanity."[19] Huzoor[aa] said, "No true Muslims could ever countenance such attacks, such cruelty and such barbaric behaviour. No form of terrorism has any place in Islām and thus those who were behind these attacks may justify their acts in its name, but let it be clear they are Muslim only in name and never in deed." [20]

In his Friday Sermon of June 4, 2010, while guiding the international community to remain patient and offer fervent prayers, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his Helper) praised the Lahore martyrs thus:

"They demonstrated to the world that while they have attained the pleasure of God they have also become a source that shall flourish faith. Every single drop of their spilt blood will bear great fruits. Angels will have embraced them and they would not have felt anything as they gave their lives; how the bullet hit them or the shrapnel from the grenade struck them. These embodiments of steadfastness who offered their lives for faith lay injured in their blood for hours and recited Durud. If any one of them uttered a sound out of pain, the other injured said to him, 'be patient, people give their lives without any cause, you are going to sacrifice yourself for a great cause.' And then, the one who uttered the sound recited Durud till he breathed his last and thus assured that he was fulfilling his promise made to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)."[21]

Huzoor[aa] also referred to the martyrs as 'diamonds', saying: "Every single one of these diamonds has further strengthened the diamonds left behind and they are decorated on the horizon of Islām Ahmadiyyat and they have created a new constellation and each of these stars is a guiding light for us."[22]

In the weeks following the massacre, Huzoor[aa] congratulated the members on their immense sacrifices in the way of Allāh. "Fortunate are you," said Huzoor[aa], "that the Promised Messiah[as] has given a glad tiding[23] about your city."[24] In his Friday Sermons of the following weeks, Huzoor[aa] drew the attention of Ahmadīs towards their responsibilities in response to the martyrdoms. He emphasized that Ahmadīs should observe patience, and that "our resolve should not waver…and no word of ingratitude should be uttered."[25] With reference to mothers, Huzoor[aa] said that "they are not only concerned about their own children, their hearts pain for the entire Jamā'at ." He addressed the mothers by saying, **"O Ahmadī mothers, never allow these virtuous, pure emotions to die. As long as they remain, no enemy can harm even an iota of the Jamā'at."**[26] Huzoor[aa] also advised Jamā'at members to make pure changes in themselves and, thereby, fulfil the purposes for which the martyrs gave their lives.[27] In addition, Huzoor[aa] reminded Ahmadīs to contribute to the Syedna Bilal Fund, established in 1986 to help support the families of martyrs.[28] Beginning on June 11, 2010, Huzoor[aa] spent five consecutive Friday Sermons sharing the biographies of the Lahore martyrs

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and the incidents of their respective martyrdoms. Above all, Huzoor[aa] drew Ahmadī Muslims' attention towards prayer. In his Friday Sermon of December 3, 2010, Huzoor[aa] instructed those members who were facing persecution to focus more on their prayers, and those who are not directly persecuted to pray for their fellow Ahmadīs. Huzoor[aa] said "a true believer feels the pain and troubles of his brother as his own trouble."[29] Huzoor[aa] specifically instructed all Ahmadīs worldwide to make it mandatory upon themselves to offer two Nafl Prayer daily for the persecution of the Ahmadīyya Community, and for those whose rights are being denied to them.[30] Huzoor[aa] also guided Ahmadīs to pray for Pakistan. He said:

> [The] love of [our] homeland demands of every Pakistani Ahmadī to pray for Pakistan. It is their obligation. No matter how much the countrymen... lay the charge of disloyalty on Ahmadīs and continue to persecute us, we have to fulfil the requisite of love of homeland and pray for the country. If anything can save Pakistan from the dangerous situation, it is the prayer of Ahmadī.[31]

Huzoor[aa] emphasized the importance of praying so that every person and every country may become free of oppression. He reiterated that Ahmadīs should not retaliate, except with prayers. He said, "prayer is our weapon and our triumph will come about with it."[32] Huzoor[aa] reminded the Jamā'at of this guidance of the Promised Messiah[aa]'s: "God has repeatedly told me through revelation that whatever will come to pass will be through prayer."[33] Huzoor[aa] said that it is solely through prayer that "Lekh Ram, Alexander Dowie and every other opponent met his bad ending…today too, the opposing storms will rebound through prayer and the world will witness the progress of Ahmadiyyat."[34]

Thus, the Global Head of the Ahmadīyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] responded to the massacres in Lahore by instructing Ahmadīs worldwide to be patient, to reform themselves, to make financial sacrifices, and most importantly, to increase their prayers. **Huzoor[aa] expressed great love for the Ahmadīs who sacrificed their lives, and encouraged all Ahmadīs to draw inspiration from their excellent models. Recalling the spiritual magnificence attained by the martyrs, Huzoor[aa] said that, although our enemies tried to roll the diamonds of our Jamā'at in the dust, "God gathered these diamonds and embraced them."[35]**

Huzoor[aa]'s advice

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Reaction of Jamā'at Worldwide:

Just a few hours after the Lahore incident of May 28, 2010, Huzoor[aa] delivered his Friday sermon in which he told Ahmadīs around the world to be patient and to pray profusely, to exhibit steadfastness, to respond with prayer and patience.[36] This is exactly how Ahmadīs around the world reacted to the news of the Lahore incident.

One great example was a press conference with Mirzā Khurshid Ahmad, Nāzir A'lā of Rabwah, which showed the true Islāmic response towards loss. He stated: "Our reaction in times of distress or loss is according to the Qur'ān which is to say, *Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return.'*. (2:157) This is our first reaction that we have come from Allāh, and to him shall we return. In this manner, Qur'ānic teachings for Muslims are that in times of trouble and grief, we do not ask for help from any person, any government, and any society but from Allāh alone. We pray with patience, strength, loyalty and steadfastness and fall to Him into

prostration and worship Him alone. This is the manner in which we react wherever and whenever Ahmadīs are faced with some sort of pain and turmoil."[37]

In his Friday Sermon of June 4, 2010, Huzoor[aa] said, "he received thousands of letters on the great sacrifice of the martyrs of the Lahore incident. Jamā'at members from all around the world expressed grief, pain and anger but the anger transformed in the very next sentence to patience and prayer. Every person who wrote expressed their anguish as if the martyrs were their close, blood relations who had been victims of cruelty. Moreover, as for those who have lost their family members or relatives, they have been consoling Huzoor[aa] in their letters. This is a great account of patience and steadfastness. When believers exercise patience and steadfastness in such trials, they garner God's Grace and come in His refuge."[38]

Burial Scences of Lahore Martyrs in Rabwah, Pakistan
Source: https://www.persecutionofAhmadīs.org/Ahmadī-martyrs/

Incidents of Martyrdom After the Lahore Massacre

2011: Brutal Martyrdoms in Indonesia

Even after the Lahore massacre, martyrdoms did not stop. In Cikeusik, Indonesia, three Ahmadī men—**Tubaqus Chandra Mubarak, Ahmad Warsono and Roni Pesarani**—were brutally beaten to death.

Reaction to Indonesian Martyrdom in 2011

About a year after Lahore Massacre, when three Indonesian Ahmadīs were martyred in a brutal and barbaric attack, Huzoor[aa] discussed the reaction of the Jamā'at worldwide in the Friday sermon of February 11, 2011. Many Ahmadīs who had seen the video clip of the attack wrote about similar sentiments to Huzoor[aa] saying they could not watch more than one minute of the video.[39]

> **When believers exercise patience and steadfastness in such trials, they garner God's Grace and come in His refuge.**
> **Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]**

In the Friday sermon of March 4, 2011, Huzoor[aa] shared an incident of a Murabbi Sāhib from Africa. After seeing the video clip of the Indonesian incident, he was in an emotional state. By chance a Tabligh session was planned the same day with some local dignitaries. The Murabbi Sāhib put the video clip at the start of the session and explained the background of the barbaric attack. Hardly a minute of the footage had been seen, when one of the imams stood up and started sobbing in the traditional African manner. He said that if there were Muslims carrying out barbarity in the name of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), then he wished to forsake such Muslims and such an Islām and announced that he was an Ahmadī Muslim.[40]

Maryam Khatoon Sāhiba, on December 5, 2011, was martyred in Pakistan at the age of 25. Her family was attacked and she passed away on the spot. The attack was due to a dispute which was based on enmity towards Ahmadiyyat. She left behind her husband and three small children.[41]

2012: Martyrdom of Master Abdul Qudoos of Rabwah

Master Abdul Qudoos

A few months later, on March 30, 2012, Master Abdul Qudoos (43 years of age) passed away after succumbing to injuries inflicted during brutal torture by local police in Rabwah, Pakistan. He was well known government school teacher in education department. He was taken into police custody without any justification or charges on February 10, 2012. He remained in custody until March 26, 2012 and during this period he was made to endure the most inhuman and depraved forms of torture, which caused internal injuries that were ultimately fatal.

In his Friday Sermon of April 6, 2012, Huzoor[aa] said: **'O Qudoos, we pay tribute to you; for you accepted to endure extreme torture but did not let the honour of the Jama'at be slighted. By giving your life you saved the Jama'at from a great tribulation**.' Huzoor[aa] said Qudoos Shaheed was not an ordinary martyr, he ranks high among martyrs.[42]

Unparalleled Blessings after the Lahore Massacre

History bears witness that Jamā'at Ahmadīyya has been facing trials and tribulations since its inception, yet Allāh has continued to reward the Jamā'at for its unparalleled sacrifices. Every trial faced by the Jamā'at has brought manifold fruits, and with it, the Jamā'at and its members have entered into a new era of prosperity and progress. If we were to count all of the Divine Blessings that God has bestowed upon the Jam'at we would lose count, for this was a promise given to the Promised Messiah[as]:

"If you count the favours of God, it will not be possible for you to do so."[43]

Now let us have a cursory glance at some of the significant favours bestowed on the Jamā'at after the Martyrdoms of May 28, 2010.

2010

- The number of individuals who accepted Ahmadiyyat this year was 458,760, which was an increase of 42 thousand Bai'ats from the previous year.[44]
- Three new countries joined Ahmadiyyat; Turkmenistan, Dominican Republic, and Faroe Islands, making it a total of 198 countries to join this divine Jamā'at .[45]
- A total of 294 mosques were built in 2010, of which 115 were newly constructed mosques and 179 were acquired.[46]
- A significant increase in media awareness: globally, 521 newspapers published 781 articles about the Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at.[47]
- First ever visit by any Khalīfa of the Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at to the Shroud of Turin Exhibition in Italy. Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] had the privilege to see the shroud of Jesus[as] which was last put on display ten years ago.[48]
- Head of the Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at visited four European countries: France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.[49]
- Numerous Ahmadī Muslims from Pakistan were given refuge in various countries after the Lahore Mosque attacks of May 28, 2010.

2011

- A total of 480,822 individuals joined Ahmadiyyat, which was an increase of 2,262 Bai'ats from the previous year.[50]
- Ahmadiyyat was established in Chili and Barbados, making it a total of 200 countries to join Ahmadiyyat.[51]

- A total of 419 new mosques were established (121 newly built mosques and 298 mosques were acquired). The Jamā'at had the blessed opportunity to build its first Ahmadīyya Mosque in Jamaica.[52]
- The largest mosque of Scandinavia, Baitun Nasr, was constructed. It is the second largest mosque in Western Europe after Baitul Futuh, and opened in Oslo, Norway by Ahmadīyya Muslim Community. The inauguration of the mosque was covered by various newspapers in Norway.[53]
- Initiation of "Muslims for Life" campaign was launched to commemorate the victims of 9/11 and to emphasize Islāmic teachings regarding sanctity of life. Various blood drives were initiated to raise over 10,000 pints of blood for the American people.[54]
- Largest increase in subscribers of "Review of Religions", with a subscription of 6,756 individuals in previous years. This magazine has been in print since the time of the Promised Messiah[as] and is one of the longest-running comparative religious magazines.[55]

2012

- Flyer distribution campaign was initiated by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. Various branches worldwide distributed leaflets and flyers to convey the message of Ahmadiyyat to millions.[56]
- The number of individuals who accepted Ahmadiyyat this year was 514,352, which was an increase of 33,530 Bai'ats from the previous year.[57]
- Two new countries joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat: Panama and American Samoa. Thus, a total of 202 countries belonged to Ahmadiyyat by this year. This is another fulfilment of the revelation given to the Promised Messiah[as]: **'I shall cause thy message to reach the ends of the Earth.'**[58]
- New mosques acquired by Jamā'at numbered to 338, of those 119 were newly built and 219 were already made. The Jamā'at also established 117 new missions in 108 countries, bringing the total number of mission houses to 2,442 worldwide.[59]
- Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], became the first-ever Muslim Leader to send letters to world leaders warning them to try their utmost to avert the destruction the world is heading towards. Letters were sent to various leaders including the Prime Minister of Israel, President of the Islāmic Republic of Iran, Prime Minister of Canada, President of the United States of America, Prime Minister of United Kingdom, Chancellor of Germany, President of Iran, President of France, Premier of China, and to the King of Saudi Arabia.[60]
- Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] made a successful trip to Germany, Norway, Holland, Denmark and Belgium. God blessed the Jamā'at and enabled the message of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islām, to be taken to every corner of the Earth.[61]
- Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited Capitol Hill in Washington D.C, headquarters of the United States Congress, and met with US lawmakers to present the beautiful teachings of the Holy Qur'ān on justice and establishment of world peace. Thus, once again fulfilling the grand revelation of the Promised Messiah[as]: "You have been helped with prestige".[62]
- Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] delivered a historic address to the European Parliament in Brussels, conveying the beautiful teachings of Islām.[63]
- A first time visit to London City Hall by the worldwide head of the Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at.[64]

2013

- The number of people who joined the Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at during this year reached 540,782, an increase of 26,430 Bai'ats from the previous year. 309 nationalities from 116 countries accepted Ahmadiyyat.[65]

- Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at by this year, had been established in 204 countries of the world. Since last year, the Jamā'at was established in two new countries – Costa Rica and Montenegro.[66]
- The Jamā'at built/acquired 394 new mosques (136 constructed and 258 acquired). These included new mosques in Canada, Germany and Spain, which had been personally inaugurated by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa]. The Ahmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at also acquired 121 new Mission Houses globally.[67]
- Huzoor[aa] inaugurated various mosques during his tour to North America, Europe and the Far East. Baitur Rahman mosque was inaugurated by the Jamā'at in Valencia, Spain. This is the second Ahmadīyya Muslim mosque to be built in Spain, following the establishment of the historical Basharat Mosque in Pedro Abad which was opened in 1982, 700 years after Islām was last in the country.[68]
- Jamā'at was blessed to build its first-ever mosque in New Zealand and Ireland.[69]
- Holy Qur'ān was translated into 71 languages of the world.[70]
- The message of Ahmadiyyat reached several hundred people through exhibitions and book stalls displayed around the world.[71]
- Jamā'at books and the books written by the Promised Messiah[as] were translated into different languages such as Arabic, French, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, Persian, and Swahili.[72]
- The fruits of Nusrat Jahan Scheme are growing every year. At present 12 countries are benefiting from this scheme with the establishment of 41 hospital and 681schools around the world.[73]
- Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] delivered various keynote addresses at a series of receptions, in California and UK's House of Parliament, in which he conveyed the true teachings of Islām to non-Ahmadī dignitaries and guests.
- More ways were made available to listen to Huzoor's[aa] Friday Sermons, such as by watching on smartphones through MTA app and by dialing in to a conference call.

In the first ten years of Khilāfat Khāmisah, Ahmadīs have endured increasing persecution. Throughout the many injustices Ahmadīs have had to face, they have not wavered in their faith. They were present for Friday prayers in the Lahore mosque the Friday following the Lahore massacre of 2010. These people are a reflection of the pledge that Ahmadīs make when they state, "I affirm that I shall always be ready to sacrifice my life, property, time and children for the cause of my faith."

Even though Ahmadīs have lost many loved ones at the hands of persecutors, they have never gone looking for a means of revenge. Their response is to pray; they pray for the persecutors, that they may find their way to the right path and repent for their sins. They pray for the families of the martyrs, that all of their needs are taken care of and that they recover from their losses. They pray for the continuation of the spread of Ahmadiyyat throughout the world. These people look to God for guidance, rather than taking matters into their own hands. They are those who follow the teachings of Islām and are on the path to success.

Throughout these difficult periods of persecution, our beloved Huzoor[aa] has taught us to be steadfast and patient, to pray abundantly and to remember that the sacrifices of these martyrs will become a means of success for our Jamā'at. **May Allāh strengthen Huzoor's[aa] hands and continue to give the Jamā'at fortitude in times of trial and tribulation!** May Allāh enable us to be thankful for his immense blessing on the Jamā'at and may we continue to be recipient of these blessings. May Allāh enable us all too always glorify and praise Him. Amīn.

List of Martyrs of Lahore Incident — May 28, 2010

According to the age (May Allāh elevate their station in Heaven)

Members of Ansārullāh

No	Name	Age	Place of Martyrdom
1	Mohmmad Maalik Chaddar Sāhib	93	Baitul Noor
2	Major General Retired Nasir Ahmad Chaudhry Sāhib	91	Baitul Noor
3	Chaudhry Mohammad Ahmad Sāhib	85	Baitul Noor
4	Chadhry Ijaz Nasrullah Khan Sāhib	83	Darul Zikr
5	Chaudhry Hafeez Ahmad Kahlon Sāhib Advocate	83	Baitul Noor
6	Syed Irshaad Ali Sāhib	80	Baitul Noor
7	Malik Maqsood Ahmad Sāhib	80	Darul Zikr
8	Chaudhry Mohammad Nawaz Jajja Sāhib	80	Darul Zikr
9	Mian Mohammad Saeed Dard Sāhib	80	Baitul Nur
10	Muhammad Hussain Sāhib	80	Darul Zikr
11	Mohammad Rasheed Hashmi Sāhib	78	Darul Zikr
12	Mohammad Yahya Khan Sāhib	77	Baitul Nur
13	Ilyas Ahmad Aslam Quraishi Sāhib	76	Baitul Noor
14	Haji Muhammad Akram Virk Sāhib	74	Darul Zikr
15	Muzaffar Ahmad Sāhib	73	Darul Zikr
16	Syed Laeeq Ahmad Sāhib	72	Baitul Noor
17	Masood Ahmad Akhtar Bajwa Sāhib	72	Darul Zikr
18	Nazir Ahmad Sāhib	72	Baitul Nur
19	Munir Ahmad Shaikh Sāhib	70	Darul Zikr
20	Mian Muneer Umar Sāhib	70	Baitul Noor
21	Mirza Mohammad Ameen Sāhib	70	Darul Zikr
22	Fida Hussain Sāhib	69	Darul Zikr
23	Mohammad Hussain Wali Sāhib	68	Baitul Noor
24	Mian Laeeq Ahmad Sāhib	66	Darul Zikr
25	Shaikh Mohammad Akram Athar Sāhib	66	Darul Zikr
26	Mian Mubashar Ahmad Sāhib	65	Darul Zikr
27	Abdur Rasheed Malik Sāhib	64	Darul Zikr
28	Mohammad Shaikh Younus Sāhib	63	Baitul Noor
29	Malik Ansar-ul-Haq Sāhib	63	Darul Zikr
30	Munawar Ahmad Khan Sāhib	61	Darul Zikr
31	Malik Zubair Ahmad Sāhib	61	Baitul Noor
32	Dr. Asghar Yaqub Khan Sāhib	60	Darul Zikr
33	Mubarak Ali Aawaan Sāhib	59	Darul Zikr
34	Muhammad Aslam Bharwana Sāhib	59	Darul Zikr
35	Muhammad Ashraf Bilal Sāhib	56	Darul Zikr

No.	Name	Age	Place of Martyrdom
36	Shaikh Sajid Naeem Sāhib	59	Baitul Noor
37	Zafar Iqbal Sāhib	59	Darul Zikr
38	Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib	58	Baitul Noor
39	Mirza Akram Baig Sāhib	58	Darul Zikr
40	Dr. Tariq Basheer Sāhib	57	Darul Zikr
41	Mubarak Ahmad Tahir Sāhib	57	Baitul Noor
42	Munawar Ahmad Qaiser Sāhib	57	Darul Zikr
43	Captain Retired Mirza Naemuddin Sāhib	56	Darul Zikr
44	Mirza Zafar Ahmad Sāhib	56	Darul Zikr
45	Ateeq-ur-Rehman Zafar Sāhib	55	Darul Zikr
46	Professor Abdul Wadood Sāhib	55	Darul Zikr
47	Malik Waseem Ahmad Sāhib	55	Darul Zikr
48	Tahir Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib	53	Baitul Noor
49	Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib	53	Darul Zikr
50	Laal Khan Nasir Sāhib	52	Baitul Nur
51	Khalil Ahmad Solangi Sāhib	51	Darul Zikr
52	Khawar Ayub Sāhib	50	Darul Zikr
53	Arshad Mahmood Butt Sāhib	48	Baitul Noor
54	Mahmood Ahmad Shaad (Murabbi-e-Silsila)	48	Baitul Noor
55	Shaikh Mubashar Ahmad Sāhib	47	Baitul Noor
56	Mohammad Ashraf Bullar Sāhib	47	Baitul Noor
57	Ijaz-ul-Haq Sāhib	46	Darul Zikr
58	Nisar Ahmad Sāhib	46	Darul Zikr
59	Mohammad Anwar Sāhib	45	Baitul Noor
60	Sardar Iftikhar ul Ghani Sāhib	43	Darul Zikr
61	Shaikh Nadeem Ahmad Tariq Sāhib	40	Darul Zikr

List of Martyrs of Lahore Incident—May 28, 2010 (According to the age)

Members of Khuddāmul Ahmadīya

No.	Name	Age	Place of Martyrdom
1	Ejaz Ahmad Baig Sāhib	39	Darul Zikr
2	Nasir Mahmood Khan Sāhib	39	Darul Zikr
3	Noor-ul-Ameen Sāhib	39	Darul Zikr
4	Kamran Arshad Sāhib	38	Darul Zikr
5	Shaikh Shamim Ahmad Sāhib	38	Darul Zikr
6	Waseem Ahmad Sāhib	38	Darul Zikr
7	Saeed Ahmad Tahir Sāhib	37	Baitul Noor
8	Umair Ahmad Malik Sāhib	36	Baitul Noor
9	Mansoor Ahmad Sāhib	36	Darul Zikr
10	Anees Ahmad Sāhib	35	Baitul Zikr

No.	Name	Age	Place of Martyrdom
11	Amir Latif Piracha Sāhib	35	Darul Zikr
12	Chauhdry Imtiaz Ahmad Sāhib	34	Darul Zikr
13	Masood Ahmad Bhatti Sāhib	33	Darul Zikr
14	Irfan Ahmad Nasir Sāhib	31	Darul Zikr
15	Dr. Umar Ahmad Sāhib	31	Darul Zikr
16	Sajjad Azhar Bharwana Sāhib	30	Darul Zikr
17	Mohammad Asif Farooq Sāhib	30	Darul Zikr
18	Munawar Ahmad Sāhib	30	Darul Zikr
19	Mirza Mansoor Baig Sāhib	29	Baitul Noor
20	Mohammad Shahid Sāhib	28	Darul Zikr
21	Ehsan Ahmad Khan Sāhib	26	Darul Zikr
22	Hassan Khursheed Awan Sāhib	24	Darul Zikr
23	Abdur Rehman Sāhib	21	Darul Zikr
24	Mirza Shabil Munir Sāhib	19	Darul Zikr
25	Waleed Ahmad Sāhib	17 ½	Darul Zikr

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Progress of Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya

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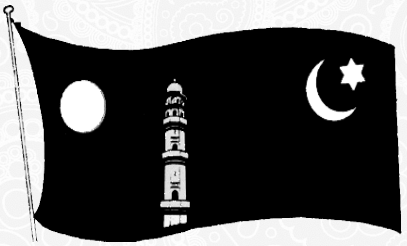

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Establishment of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at

in Various Countries of the World from 2003-2013

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The Spread of Ahmadiyyat as foretold by the Promised Messaih[as]

The founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the Promised Messiah[as] prophesized that nations around the world will be drawn to the purpose he has been sent for. He wrote:

> "God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to this world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers" (The Will, p. 8-9).

In 1903, the Promised Messiah[as] predicted:

"Ye all people, listen carefully, and remember, that these prophecies are from God Almighty, Who made the earth and the heavens. He will spread this, His Own Movement, in all foreign countries; with reason and argument, He will make it prevail everywhere. The days are coming—indeed they are very near, when, all over the world, there shall be only one religion which people will mention with respect. Allāh will invest this religion, with extraordinary blessings even such as shall seem to be supernatural; and He will utterly disappoint those who long to see its destruction." (Tadhkiratu-shahadatain, pg. 64-65)

Flag of Ahmadiyyat Flying High

By the Grace of Allāh, in accordance of these prophecies, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has been established in more than 200 countries of the world and exceeds tens of millions members worldwide with concentrations in South Asia, West Africa, East Africa and Indonesia. The country with the largest Ahmadiyya population is Pakistan with estimated four million Ahmadī Muslims. Other countries with largest population of Ahmadīs are Ghana and Sierra Leone.

Expansion of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and establishment of new communities throughout the world is expounded below in year-wise format. Various terms have been used to describe the new establishments; the terms used reference the following:

- **Jamā'at's Establishments in New Countries**: These refer to establishments of Jamā'at in a country where the Ahmadiyya community had no members before. It reflects on new initiations into Jamā'at.
- **New Communities/New Location**: These are the new establishments in countries where Ahmadiyya Community already existed and further new branches and chapters were added in various cities and towns. The new locations or communities may also refer to a city or a town or village in countries where there was no previous establishment of Jamā'at, and it was introduced the first time.
- **Centre** means a newly acquired building for multi-purpose use.
- **Tablīgh Centre** refers to a building acquired only for Tablīgh purpose.

In year 2003, Ahmadiyyat spread to one new country—**Cuba**.

Cuba is an island country in the Caribbean. Ahmadiyya Community was established in Cuba with the effort of Mufeezul Islām Sahib from Dehli, India. Literature in Spanish language was sent from UK and subsequently, 14 members accepted Ahmadiyyat. (Official Press Release- July 27, 2003)

Excluding Pakistan, a total of **1060 new communities** were established in various countries of world, including the locations where Jamā'at was established for the first time. Moreover, **281 new Tablīgh** centres were initiated. India was at top of the list as 220 new communities were established there during the year. A break down of new communities founded in descending order is presented below:

No.	Country	New Communities in 2003
1	India	220
2	Kenya	76
3	Burkina Faso	44
4	Congo	40
5	Nigeria	24
6	Ivory Coast	22
7	Ghana	16
8	Senegal	12
9	Sierra Leone	14
10	Gambia	5

In addition to countries mentioned in the table above, 17 other countries were blessed with 1-3 new centres. (Weekly Al Fadl International, September 5, 2003)

In 2004 Ahmadiyyat was established in 2 new countries: Saint Kitts and Martinique.

Saint Kitts, also known more formally as Saint Christopher Island, is an island located in the West Indies.

Martinique is one of the twenty-seven regions of France (being an overseas region) and an integral part of the French Republic. By the Grace of Allāh, two Bai'ats (oath of allegiance) were achieved in this country by

the efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya France.

In addition, **542 new communities** were established in various countries of the world. Among these communities 188 were at new locations. India was blessed with 151 new Jamā'ats; Burkina Faso with 51 and Sierra Leone with 18. Moreover, new Jamā'ats were established in Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana and Indonesia. (Weekly, Al Fadl International; August 20, 2004)

2005

In 2005, Ahmadiyyat spread to a total of 181 countries. Since 1984, 90 new countries entered in the fold of Ahmadiyyat. Jamā'at Ahmadiyyat was also established in 3 new countries: Gibraltar, Bahamas, and Saint Vincent.

In Gibraltar, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Germany got the opportunity to spread the message of Islām and Ahmadiyyat. Gibraltar is close to Morocco and missionaries faced opposition by local Arabs. With the help of book stalls and distribution of literature, 1 person accepted Ahmadiyyat.

Rock of Giraltar

Bahamas is officially the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; it is an island country consisting of more than 700 islands, spreading from Florida to Cuba. Here Ahmadiyyat spread with the effort of US Jamā'at; 2 Bai'ats from this country were received in year 2005.

Trinidad Jamā'at got the opportunity to introduce Ahmadiyyat in Saint Vincent. It is an island country in the Lesser Antilles Island arc which lies at the southern end of the eastern border of the Caribbean Sea, where latter meets the Atlantic Ocean. Saint Vincent is a densely populated country. Ahmadiyyat spread here with the help of literature distribution and setting up of book stalls by Ahmadī missionaries. People would gather to ask questions and some would accept Ahmadiyyat right away. As one local missionary reported that four people embraced Ahmadiyyat during a successful Book Stall and a Question & Answer session.

Furthermore, a total 488 new Jamā'ats were established (beside Pakistan) in different countries and 497 were established in new locations, making a total of 985. India was at top of the list where 133 new communities were established. Burkina Faso was second with 71 new Jamā'ats.

(Weekly, Al Fadl International; August 19, 2005)

2006

By the Grace of Allāh Almighty, in year 2006 Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was established in the following three new Countries: Estonia, Antigua, and Bermuda.

Estonia was given to Germany Jamā'at for the purpose of propagating the message of Ahmadiyyat. Jamā'at missionary, Muneer Munawwer Sahib arrived in Estonia and by the Grace of Allāh, the Almighty Jamā'at was established there. Initially, nine members entered into the fold of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

Antigua is an island of West Indies and it was entrusted to Trinidad Jamā'at for their missionary efforts. Missionary Ibrahim Yaqoob Sahib arrived there from Ghana, and through his preaching, two Christian ladies and one Palestinian family entered into Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

Bermuda was entrusted to missionaries from Canada. Through their efforts, one person was initiated into Ahmadiyyat.

In addition to these, a total 945 Jamā'ats were established in different countries and 589 were established at new locations; making a total of **1534 establishments**. India was at top of the list where 186 new Jamā'ats were established.

(Weekly, Al Fadl International; August 18, 2006, page 3; Address to Jalsa Sālāna UK July 29, 2006)

2007

By the Grace of Allāh the Almighty, in the year 2007 Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was founded in the following four new countries: Guadeloupe, Saint Martin, French Guyana, and Haiti.

Guadeloupe is situated in Caribbean Sea. Currently there are 13 Ahmadī members residing in Guadeloupe. The Jamā'at also established a mission house there and has been doing Tablīgh and introducing the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya to the public through newspapers, radio, and TV programs.

Saint Martin is a small island with a population of 77,000 people. By the Grace of Allāh the Almighty, and the humble Tablīgh efforts, a family of 5 members entered into Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and this way the plant of Jamā'at was established in Saint Martin.

French Guyana borders Surinam on one side and Brazil on the other side. A delegation of Jamā'at France conveyed the message of Islām and Ahmadiyyat. Here, 30 members entered into the fold of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

Haiti is situated between Cuba and Dominican Republic. A delegation of Jamā'at France went there, and distributed Jamā'at's pamphlets and organized Question & Answer sessions. As a result, Jamā'at established in Haiti with 25 members accepting Ahmadiyyat.

Additionally, this year, 653 new Jamā'ats were established in various countries of the world. Out of these 653 establishments, 631 were established at new locations where Jamā'at did not exist before. Again Jamā'at India was at the top of the list with 154 new areas. Benin was 2nd with 87 new areas, while Nigeria was in 3rd position with 71 new areas. There were 15 more countries in which one to two new Jamā'ats were established.

No.	Country	New Communities in 2007
1	India	154
2	Benin	87
3	Nigeria	71
4	Gambia	50
5	Ivory Coast	34
6	Sierra Leone/ Burkina Faso	28
7	Somalia/Mali	21
8	Ethiopia	20
9	Ghana/ Madagascar	16
10	Congo	13
11	Indonesia	11

(Weekly Al Fadl International; August 6, 2007 page 3, Jalsa Sālāna UK Address, July 28, 2007)

2008

The community spread to four new countries in 2008. During the second session of the Jalsa Sālāna UK, Huzooraa presented an annual report of the progress of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Huzooraa said that due to the blessings of God Almighty, the community was succeeding in countless ways. The community had spread to **4 new countries** over the past 12 months, which meant that it had established itself in 193 countries. (Press Release; July 26, 2008: Hadeeqa-tul-Mahdi, Hampshire)

Huzoor[aa] stated that over the past year, Ahmadiyya Jamā'at had established in **593 new locations** including 15 new locations in Indonesia, despite the persecution faced by the local Ahmadīs.(Daily Al Fadl Rabwah; August 4, 2008)

By the Grace of Allāh Almighty, in year 2009 Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was established in the following two new countries: Serbia and Lithuania.

Huzoor[aa] stated that over the past year, Ahmadiyya Jamā'at was established at **1321 new locations**. (Weekly, Al Fadl International, August 28, 2009)

This year, Ahmadiyyat was established in three new countries**:** Turkmenistan, Dominica and Faroe Island.

Turkmenistan is an Islāmic country. The first attempt of preaching was made in 1925, when Maulvi Zuhoor Hussain went there, but he was arrested by the Russian army. Recently, our Ahmadī doctor, Dr. Abdul Aleem Sahib who is working there has been preaching and now there are ten Ahmadīs living in Turkmenistan.

Dominica is a country in the West Indies. Our missionary in-charge of Trinidad, Ibrahim Bin Yaqoob, made a trip across the country with the National Secretary and distributed literature in the country. As a result, one family embraced Ahmadiyyat.

Faroe Island is a small European country. On the occasion of Jalsa Sālāna Germany, some delegates came to attend the Jalsa and one of them, named Muhammad Yaseem Turablisi, along with his wife and children, accepted Ahmadiyyat.

Location of the Faroe Islands in Northern Europe

In year 2010, 516 new communities were established throughout the world, and Ahmadiyyat was founded at a total of 742 new places. (Daily Al Fadl Rabwah; August 11, 2010)

In the table below, the number of new communities established in various countries is outlined for year 2010.

No.	Country	New Communities in 2010
1	Sierra Leone	125
2	Nigeria	43
3	Burkina Faso	42
4	Congo	38
5	Mali	35
6	Benin	29
7	Ivory Coast	28
8	Niger	27
9	Ghana	14
10	India	14
11	Uganda	12
12	Kenya	11
13	Senegal	11
14	Gambia	9
15	Madagascar	7

An Interesting Incident

Huzoor[aa] in his address at Jalsa Sālāna UK 2010 related an incident of a village called Guin. When our Missionary, Dar Alhasan went there for Tablīgh

purposes, he met a local Imām named Yambadi. Yambadi was against Ahmadiyyat to such an extent that whenever he met an Ahmadī he used to say "*Laa haula wala quwwa.*" However, after reading the books of the Promised Messiah[as] Yambadi learned how much the Promised Messiah[as] loved the Holy Prophet[sa]. Yambadi stated that when he read these words of the Promised Messiah[as] that "I have achieved this status only by sending Durud and Salam on the Holy Prophet[sa]," he (Yambadi) felt that no liar can love Prophet Muhammad[sa] so dearly. After this, his hatred changed into love for the Promised Messiah[as]. He further said that he was an Ahmadī by heart from that very day. Yambadi also paid 5000 franks as Chanda (donation). (Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada, December 2010; Jalsa Sālāna UK– 2010)

By the Grace of Allāh, this year, Ahmadiyyat was established in two new countries: Chile and Barbados.

Chile is a place in Latin America. Neighboring countries of Chile include Argentine, Peru, and Bolivia.

The total Ahmadīs living in Chile in 2011 were seven.

Ms. Naura - The Woman of Courage

Ms. Naura was the first woman to embrace Ahmadiyyat in Chile. She had already accepted Islām a few years ago and observed purdah. The company she worked for fired her because of her Hijab. She went to various Muslim Maulwis who refused to help her in this regard. She filed a court case and won, making the company pay a fine of $10,000 dollars. Later she met our Missionary, Abdus Sattar Khan Sahib, who gave her the necessary literature and introduced her to Ahmadiyyat. She soon was convinced of its truth and accepted Ahmadiyyat. Ms. Naura preached to other women and their families, who also embraced Ahmadiyyat.

Barbados: There were 2 Bai'ats (initiations) in Barbados in 2011.

By the Grace of Allāh, 839 new Jamā'ats were established this year; with a total of 1,118 places where Ahmadiyyat was initiated for the first time in 2011.

No	Country	New Communities in 2011
1	Sierra Leone	147
2	Mali	57
3	Nigeria	54
4	Burkina Faso	48
5	Congo	37
6	Niger	36
7	Benin	33
8	Togo	21
9	Senegal	23
10	Ghana	19
11	India	18
12	Tanzania	16
13	Malaysia	12
14	Madagascar	11
15	Fiji	11
16	United Kingdom	10

There are 26 more countries where one or two Jamā'ats were established.

A Magnificent Incident

Huzoor[aa] related an incident regarding the acceptance of Ahmadiyyat in a small village of Niger. During a Tablīgh mission once, our Muballigh (Missionary) visited the village. Before he reached there, from a distance he could hear the call for prayer. When he got there, the people and Imām Sahib were waiting outside of the mosque. After greetings, the first sentence Imām Sahib said was, "We have been waiting for you since morning." Upon hearing this, Muballigh Sahib was very surprised as to how they knew of his coming. After Maghrib (dusk) prayers and a brief

introduction to the Jamā'at, a video was presented. Then followed a question and answer session, in which Imām Sahib kept quiet and didn't ask any questions. Muballigh Sahib inquired if he had any questions. At hearing this, Imām Sahib stood up and recited Surah Al Fatiha and Durud Sharif and told them excitedly, that God Almighty had already told him in a dream last night that the Promised Messiahas had appeared. Imām Sahib said that he was told of the visit of Jamā'at's Muballigh last night, and that is why he was waiting for him since the morning. He further related his dream, in which Muballigh Sahib was preaching on the same place where he was standing at that very moment, and gathering the people together, telling them about the Imām Mehdias. In his dream, Muballigh Sahib then asked the people "Are you ready to enter the Jamā'at?" People replied loudly, "Yes, we are ready." After this Imām Sahib awoke from the dream. After relating his dream, Imām Sahib announced his acceptance of Ahmadiyyat. Following, he asked people that if they were also ready to embrace Ahmadiyyat. Everyone exclaimed, yes, and so the whole village accepted Ahmadiyyat on the spot.

(Weekly Al Fadl International; September 16, 2011)

During the 46th Jalsa Sālāna UK, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmadaa shared that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at had now been established in 202 countries of the world. During the past year, Jamā'at had spread to two new countries: Panama and American Samoa.

Panama is located in Central America with an approximate population of 3.5 million. More precisely Panama is located on the north of the Caribbean Sea and south of the Pacific Sea. The language spoken in Panama is Spanish . The message of Islām Ahmadiyyat was spread in Panama by Sadr Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya of Italy (Muneer Sahib). The Nau Mubai'n of Panama attended Jalsa Sālāna of Guatemala, where they gained knowledge about Islām Ahmadiyyat.

American Samoa is an unincorporated territory of the United States located in the South Pacific Ocean, southeast of the Independent State of Samoa. It has an approximate population of 55,000. Jamā'at of England was given the responsibility of spreading the message of Islām Ahmadiyyat in American Samoa and by the Grace of God they were successful in doing so.

Furthermore, beside Pakistan, 605 Jamā'ats were established in various countries. Further, at 957 locations the seed of Ahmadiyyat was planted for the first time. In the table below, the number of communities created in 2012 in different countries of the world are listed:

No	Country	New Communities in 2012
1	Ghana	59
2	Burkina Faso	42
3	Nigeria	30
4	Ivory Coast	29
5	Congo	37
6	Mali	23

(Daily Al Fadl, Rabwah; September 17, 2012 & Jalsa Sālāna UK; September 12, 2012)

During the 47th Jalsa Sālāna UK, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa informed that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at had now been established in 204 countries of

the world. In the past year, Jamā'at had spread to two new countries – Costa Rica and Montenegro.

Costa Rica is located in Central America and Spanish is spoken there. It has a population of approximately 4.6 million.

Montenegro is located in Europe. To be more precise it is at the north of Albania and south of Bosnia. Montenegro has an approximate population of 625,000 in which 22,000 individuals are Muslims.

By the Grace of Allāh, in year 2013, 565 new Jamā'ats were established in many countries beside Pakistan.

In total, 1052 new locations were blessed with the light of Ahmadiyyat.

No	Country	New Communities in 2013
1	Ghana	68
2	Sierra Leone	56
3	Senegal	47
4	Burkina Faso	41
5	Ivory Coast	39
6	Mali	34
7	Togo	35
8	India	29
9	Nigeria	25
10	Congo	25
11	Gambia	22
12	Liberia	18
13	Niger	12
14	Nepal	9
15	Tanzania	8
16	U.K/Uganda/ Tunis	7 each
17	Indonesia/ Germany	6 each

(Weekly Al Fadl International, September 27, 2013)

May Allāh continue to shower his blessings on the community of the Promised Messiah[as], and exalt every effort of Khalīfatul-Masīh[as]. May we be the witnesses to the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] and his great servant, the Promised Messiah[as]. And may we be devoted and obedient servants to every command of Khalīfatul-Masīh[as] in his noble mission to spread the true message of Islām. Amīn!

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Construction of New Mosques

in Various Countries of the World from 2003-2013

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It is narrated in a Hadīth:

"O ye people, praise Allāh. Whoever builds a mosque for Allāh, Allāh, the Exalted, shall build a house for such a one in Paradise."

(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

A mosque is considered House of Allāh. It is a symbol of **Identity of the Muslim Community** and a hallmark of the skyline of Islāmic countries. It is a place which apart from worship of God serves many communal benefits. It induces brotherhood and close community sense. The Holy Qur'ān says:

"And *remember the time* when We made the House a resort for mankind and *a place of* security." (2: 126)

The ultimate purpose of any mosque is to excel in piety and virtues. The Holy Qur'ān says:

"A mosque which was founded upon piety from the *very* first day is surely more worthy that thou shouldst stand to *pray* therein. In it are men who love to become purified, and Allāh loves those who purify themselves. " (9:108)

A mosque is also a sign of development and progress of Islām. The Promised Messiah[as] expounded that the ultimate success of Islām is dependent on the building of mosques. He said:

"If you want Islām to progress, build a mosque. Wherever our Jamā'at is established, a mosque should be built. Our Jamā'at's progress is founded on the construction of mosques. If there are only a few Muslims in a village or a city, build a mosque with good intentions and God will bring more Muslims to that place." (*Malfoozat* Vol 2, p. 42)

The first decade of the blessed Khilāfat of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] has been remarkable for its focus and commitment to the building of mosques and mission houses around the world.

Mosques built during Khilāfat of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]

Year	New Mosques Built	Already-built Mosques Acquired	Total New Mosques
2003	121	105	226
2004	74	88	162
2005	184	135	319
2006	171	188	359
2007	169	130	299
2008	149	202	351
2009	164	235	399
2010	115	179	294
2011	121	298	419
2012	119	219	338
2013	136	258	394
Total	**1523**	**2037**	**3560**

(Source: Tabshir International)

A total of 226 mosques were built in 2003 out of which 121 were new constructions. In October 2003, 79 years after the inauguration of Masjid Fazl, the first mosque in the UK, our beloved Huzoor[aa] inaugurated Baitul Futūh, in Morden, Surrey with a reception facility for 600 invited dignitaries and guests. Baitul Futūh was the largest Mosque of its time in Western Europe accommodating 10,000 worshippers on a 5.2 acre site.

Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, Surrey, UK

During his inaugural address, Huzoor[aa] said:

"Although Baitul Futūh is the largest mosque complex in Europe, I pray that Allāh may enable the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to build even larger and more beautiful mosques in future... The work does not finish once the mosques are built. We must continue our efforts to populate these mosques. From these mosques must go out a message of peace, love and tolerance to the whole world."

It is awe-inspiring, to look back in hindsight at how Allāh Almighty has enabled these words of His Khalīfa to ring true, as Huzoor[aa]'s Friday Sermon is most frequently delivered from this very location, even today, spreading the message of love, peace and tolerance to the corners of the earth.

In this year, 162 places of worship were established by Ahmadiyya Jamā'at, out of which 74 were new constructions. Huzoor[aa] inaugurated Darul Barakāt, a 31,000 square feet mosque in Birmingham, UK and reminded the Jamā'at to promote spirit of unity among people. In his inauguration address Huzoor[aa] said:

"Those who made [financial] sacrifices should remember that the spirit with which they made the sacrifice should not be dulled. The object of struggle was to establish a place of worship that would help promote the spirit of unity among the people." (Address of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] Inauguration of Darul Barakāt Mosque, Birmingham 2004)

The year 2005 brought with it the blessings of almost doubling the previous year's totals for mosques and mission houses along with over 300 additional places (which were not previously built for mosque purposes) of worship bought or built. Amongst them, was Masjid Nasir, which was built by donations from Ansārullāh UK in Hartlepool, UK. During his Friday Sermon, on November 11, 2005, delivered at the inauguration Huzoor[aa] said: "With the building of the mosque our responsibility has increased for now we have to populate it with sincere worshippers…all the sacrifice and hard work would be of no avail unless we 'adorn' the mosque with worshippers." (Friday Sermon; November 11, 2005)

Nasir Mosque is the first purpose-built mosque in Hartlepool, located on Brougham Terrace, Hartlepool in UK. During the opening session, town dignitaries such as Hartlepool MP, Iain Wright, and Hartlepool Borough Council's Chief Executive, Paul Walker, were in attendance. As a gesture, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, donated around £20,000 to local charities and causes, including Hartlepool and District Hospice, Butterwick Children's Hospice and Brougham Primary School.

In 2006, another 361 mosques including 169 new mosques were established in different parts of the world. Huzoor[aa] traveled further afield to lay the foundation stone for a mosque to be built in Rodriguez, Mauritius (Masjid Noor).

During his tour of Singapore, Huzoor[aa] laid the foundation stone for a two storey mission house in the grounds of the current Mosque Taha.

The year 2007 saw opposition to the building of mosques and of minarets in Europe, especially in Switzerland, where a poll conducted had 32% of the populace in opposition. Despite these and other hurdles, such as threats to destroy them, the building of mosques continued to flourish, as 299 new mosques were built or acquired by the Jamā'at.

The centenary of Ahmadiyya Khilāfat in the year 2008 was adorned with the showering blessing of 351 mosques around the globe. Many of these mosques were privileged to be inaugurated by our beloved Huzoor[aa] as Huzoor[aa] conducted almost a world round tour of many of the countries where the seed of Ahmadiyyat had been planted and the saplings were growing fast. These mosques included the Al-Mahdi Mosque (inaugurated on April 27, 2008) in Benin, Masjid Noor and Masjid Potsin in Ghana, Masjid Haadi and Masjid Umer in South

Baitun Nur Mosque, Calgary

India, the Mubarak Mosque in Saint-Prix, France, the Khadija Mosque in Berlin, Germany and Baitun Nur in Calgary, Canada.

The very first mosque in France, Masjid Mubarak, Baitus Salaam in Saint-Prix was inaugurated on October 10, 2008. Huzoor[aa] said that the construction of this mosque has certainly proven that if one is resolute Allāh removes impediments on its way. The Mayor of Saint-Prix, Jean-Pierre Enjalbert, was at first against the idea of an Ahmadiyya mosque in his town, but later changed his mind and gave his approval.

(Friday Sermon, October 10, 2008)

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], at the Baitun Nur Mosque, in Calgary, with Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper.

> **This Mosque we have built has not been made for any Jihadi organization or any terrorist activity but, it simply has been built for the worship of Allāh.**
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> (Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] regarding Khadija Mosque in Berlin, Germany)

Mr. Enjalbert said in a news report:

"What reassured us is the fact we've gotten to know them through all these years, had time to observe them and see how they act. I came to many meetings, listened to what they had to say and learned what their message was." (News Report of Channel France 24; October 10, 2008)

The inauguration of the Khadija Mosque, a week later in Berlin, Germany was historic as it also fulfilled a desire expressed by Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] in 1923 to build a mosque there, which had to be delayed due to the worsening condition in Europe and especially Germany at that time. It was built solely with contributions from Lajna Imā'illah, whom Huzoor[aa] praised by stating:

"By having this mosque built, ladies have given a message to their men folk that they wish them to worship Allāh. If they could, women would build a mosque everywhere…after the building of the mosque a most important obligation for both men and women was to inculcate a connection with the mosque in their children." (Friday Sermon, October 17, 2008)

In Germany, a number of objections were raised regarding the building of the mosque, including the fear that the mosque would be used for nefarious or inflammatory purposes. At the opening ceremony, Huzoor[aa] explained that:

"This mosque we have built has not been made for any Jihadi organization or any terrorist activity but simply it has been built for the worship of Allāh… From this Mosque of ours there will be no other call apart from love for humanity, affection, reconciliation, justice and peace. And you will observe that what I have said were not mere words but were acted upon. And time will, God willing, prove it to be so." (Official Press Release; October 16, 2008)

At this occasion Huzoor[aa] explained Islāmic view of protection of places of worship including churches and synagogues. Huzoor[aa] said:

"If a Christian Church requires protection and an Ahmadī is called to help then he must help. If a Jewish Synagogue requires protection and an Ahmadī is called to help then he should be there. If a believer of any faith requires, the help of an Ahmadī to establish justice then the Ahmadī should be there by his side."

During his address at the Umer Mosque, Kochi, Kerala, Huzoor[aa] said, "The bricks and mortar that have built this mosque are not enough. You must pray five times daily and seek God's help that you are able to love and care for your neighbours and that you may be able to share with them the true message of Islām." (Official Press Release, November 30, 2008)

Masjid Mubarak Abuja, in Nigeria was also inaugurated in 2008. It is the last mosque unveiled by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] in the first century of Khilāfat, on April 29, 2008.

The year 2009 saw the Jamā'at build an astonishing 399 mosques around the world, including the first mosques in Chad, South Brazil, Maraicabo and Venezuela. Macedonia, Slovenia, Iceland and Estonia were blessed to establish their first centres. During his second day address at the Annual Convention in the UK, Huzoor[aa] related a story about Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, which is known locally as the city of a 1000 mosques. The local Jamā'at here was being prevented from building a mosque, due to strong opposition.

They had been turned down by the Mayor and the Governor initially, but after attending the Khilāfat Centenary Functions, the Governor stated that he had been unaware of the humanitarian and good works of the Jamā'at. Subsequently, the Mayor granted Jamā'at the right to build.

Baitur Rehman Mosque, Valencia, Spain

2010

In 2010, a year of profound sorrow, when two mosques in Lahore were the location for the worst atrocities committed against the Jamā'at, leading to the brutal massacre of 86 innocent worshippers engaged in Friday Prayers. Allāh enabled Jamā'at to build further 294 mosques around the world, and establish new centres in Tajikistan, Haiti and Kosovo.

Whilst laying the foundation stone for the first mosque in Galway, Ireland, the Maryam Masjid, Huzoor[aa] reminded the Jamā'at of the prophecy related to the Promised Messiah[as], where Allāh told him, "I will cause thy message to spread to the corners of the earth" and he explained that, "In a way Galway is at the 'end of the earth'. It is on the coast of the Atlantic ocean and if a straight line is drawn from its coast, there is no further European island…. it was God's promise (to the Promised Messiah[as] that the ultimate triumph would be of Islām, so he was not to be perturbed by the impediments along the way. He was told by God that it was not only his mission, it was also the decree of God and that is why God's help and succour was always with him." (Friday Sermon; September 17, 2010)

2011

In the year 2011, the greatest numbers of mosques were built in one year, a total of 419. Of these 419 mosques 121 were newly constructed; while 298 were acquired already built. Huzoor[aa] also inaugurated the largest mosque in Scandinavia, Baitun Nasr in Oslo, Norway on September 30, 2011. Visible from a great distance, the mosque has a capacity for 4500 worshippers, and has become a national landmark and symbol of peace. Huzoor[aa] remarked that the mosque was a place where peace in society would be fostered through the worship of one God.

2012

During 2012, another 338 mosques were built by Jamā'at, including Darul Amaan, in Manchester, UK and Hadi Masjid in Harrisburgh, USA. Speaking about the misuse of mosques, Huzoor[aa] condemned extremist Muslims who used mosques for their own personal gains, saying that it was now a common belief that only extremists used mosques for regular prayers. Thus he said it was the task of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at to spread the true and peaceful teachings of Islām and so to bring about a spiritual revolution of goodness throughout the world. (Official Press Release; June 24, 2012)

2013

Australia, Spain and Canada were granted the opportunity in 2013 to host inaugurations of their respective mosques under the auspices of our beloved Huzoor[aa], whereas 394 mosques were built in total around the world.

In March of 2013, Huzoor[aa] inaugurated Valencia's Baitur Rahman, the second mosque built by the Jamā'at in Spain. Huzoor[aa] said:

"Islām's re-entry into Spain was made through the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at when it built the Basharat Mosque. However today, we will only come to see the real Islām flourish in this country when the servants of the Promised Messiah[as], realizing their significance, strive to spread the beautiful and pure teachings of Islām to every single person in Spain."

Baitur Rahman Mosque, Vancouver, British Columbia

Huzoor[aa] prayed that, "May this Mosque prove to be a means of presenting the true and beautiful image of Islām to the Spanish people and may all Ahmadī Muslims who live here fulfill their mosque responsibilities in this regard." (Official Press Release; March 30, 2013)

On the occasion of the inauguration of Baitur Rahman, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Huzoor[aa] said, "**I would like to proclaim and declare that this Mosque will prove to be a source of spreading love, affection, peace and brotherhood for all people irrespective of whether they are Ahmadī or non-Ahmadī or whether they are Muslim or non-Muslim. The doors of our Mosque will always be open to the people of all religions, because this Mosque is a means of manifesting God's Grace, Mercy, Love and Compassion for mankind.**"

Huzoor also said, "In essence, it can be said that the first ever '**Charter for the Protection of Religion and Religious Rights'** is found in the Holy Qur'ān and it has been associated directly to the Mosque. In other words, whenever a new Mosque is built, a new chapter for religious freedom is opened." (Official Press Release; May 18, 2013)

Huzoor[aa] further said to Ahmadīs:

"Prove to those who come to visit this Mosque that every single act of an Ahmadī Muslim is conducted with the intention of benefitting and helping others. It is due to the teachings of Islām and the Qur'ān that we think only of benefitting others, rather than favoring ourselves. Indeed, we do not just think of helping others but through our acts we work towards this aim. God Willing, with the opening of this mosque people will witness for themselves this reality." (Official Press Release; May 18, 2013)

At the inauguration of Baitul Muqeet, in Auckland, New Zealand, Huzoor[aa] explained the role of mosques and their true purpose. He stated that:

"Fear of Islām has developed because some non-Muslims are not familiar with Islām's true teachings and so their views are strongly influenced by the heavily publicized hate-filled acts of extremist Muslim groups. And so, perhaps they believe that a mosque built in the area will become a center of disorder and of a lack of peace. Let me very clearly state that this concept of a mosque is absolutely wrong….the mosque has been built so that Ahmadīs can gather together to worship God. It has been built so that they can join together to devise plans to fulfill the

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], unveiling the plaque for Baitur Rahman Mosque, Vancouver.

rights of man and to serve humanity. And it has been built so that they can supplicate before God, praying that they increase in their standards of love and loyalty to their nation." (Official Press Release; November 3, 2013)

In total, the first decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah, has been blessed with **3,560** new mosques and mission houses spanning all corners of the globe, in fulfillment of the prayer of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] who prayed that:

"May mosques be constructed from one end of the world to the other and may Azan be heard from every mosque. Wherever the sun may rise, it may see that the holy name of God is being raised there. My desire is that there should be a mosque at every place in the world."

May Allāh Almighty enable the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at to fulfill this heartfelt desire of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] under the blessed auspices of our beloved Huzoor (may Allāh be His helper). May He also enable us to use these mosques for their ultimate purpose — to win His pleasure by spreading the true message of peace and unity for humanity to the far corners of the earth. Amīn!

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Some Notable First Mosques

Built by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from 2003-2013

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community neither has the wealth of oil, nor do we amass wealth by any other means. Indeed, we have the wealth of 'belief' by virtue of which the Ahmadīs make sacrifices.

(Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] said in a Sermon delivered in Benin on the topic of Building Mosques on April 27, 2008)

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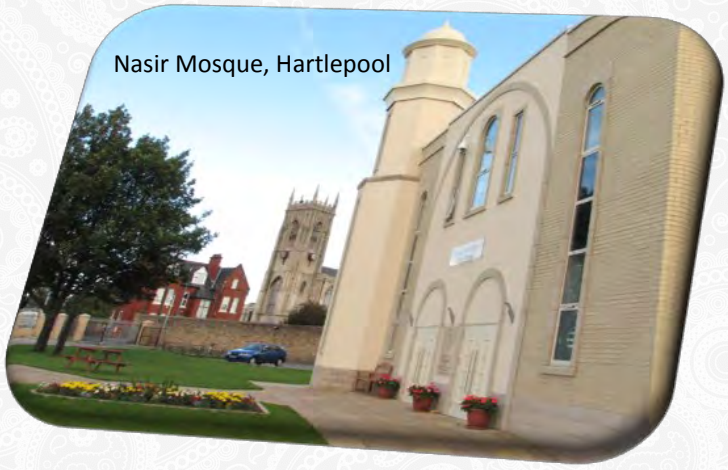
Nasir Mosque is the first purpose-built mosque in Hartlepool, located on Brougham Terrace. Inaugurated in 2005 by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the mosque participates in several local community events and provides regular services for the wider community.

During the opening session, town dignitaries such as Hartlepool MP, Iain Wright, and Hartlepool Borough Council's chief executive, Paul Walker, were in attendance. As a gesture, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, the main organisation behind the project, donated around £20,000 to local charities and causes, including Hartlepool and District Hospice, Butterwick Children's Hospice and Brougham Primary School.

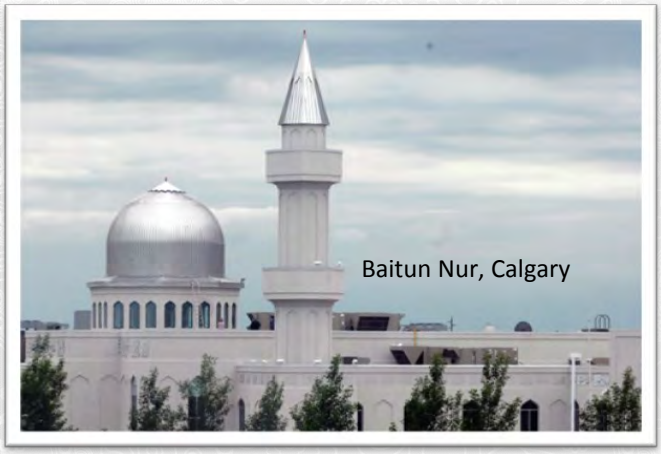
Mubarak Mosque: Inaugurated in 2008 by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa], the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, it is located in the city of Saint-Prix in France. The Mosque is noted as being the first Ahmadiyya mosque in France. The Mayor of Saint-Prix, Jean-Pierre Enjalbert, was at first against the idea of an Ahmadiyya mosque in his town, but later changed his mind and gave his approval.



Nasir Mosque, Hartlepool

Mubarak Mosque, France

Baitun Nur Mosque: The spectacular 48,000-square-foot Baitun Nur mosque, located in Calgary, Canada, was inaugurated by the head of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] in 2008. It is considered a monumental site for visitors and tourists. The Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper participated in the unveiling of Canada's largest mosque complex.


Baitun Nur, Calgary

Khadija Mosque is located in Heinersdorf in Pankow District of Berlin, Germany. It is the first mosque in the former East Germany which opened on October 16, 2008. According to Klaus Wowereit, the Mayor of Berlin, the mosque symbolizes "religious and cultural tolerance" in Berlin.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at had already tried to build their first mosque in Europe in Berlin in the 1920s. According to the wish of the second Khalīfa the women of the community collected all the funds for the mosque from their own resources. However, due to the financial crisis in Germany the plan had to be postponed. Under the 100-Mosques-Plan of the community in Germany, the project was revived and

Khadija Mosque, Berlin

a new mosque was planned in Berlin. The Khadija mosque is the first mosque in the eastern part of Berlin. The foundation stone for the mosque was laid down on January 2, 2007 by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. The mosque is built on 4,790 m² area, and can accommodate 500 worshippers.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Centre Mosque in Melbourne, Australia, is one of the largest Ahmadiyya community mosque outside Pakistan. It was built in 2010 and it is a totally pillar less building. More than 5,000 people can pray at a time. The Ahmadiyya Centre Melbourne was officially opened by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] on his blessed Asia Pacific tour of 2013. He delivered a Friday Sermon, and offered prayers on the opening of this Centre on October 11, 2013.

Ahmadiyya Centre Mosque, Melborne

Baitun Nasr in Oslo was inaugurated by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa on September 30, 2011 with his Friday Sermon. The mosque is Scandinavia's largest and has a capacity of 4,500 worshippers. Visible from a great distance, the mosque has established itself as a national landmark and a symbol of peace.

Baitul Nasr, Oslo, Sweeden

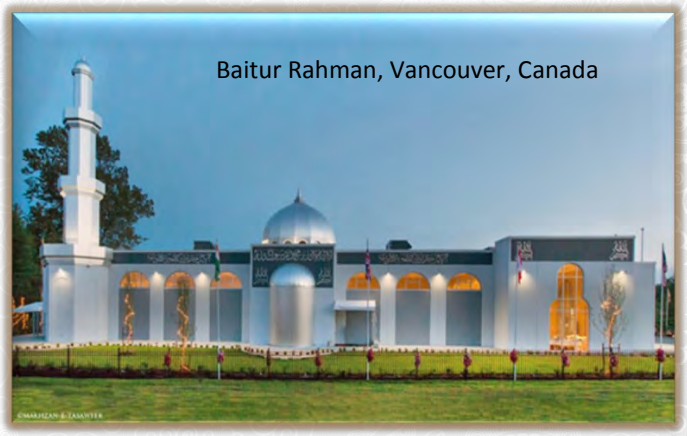
Baitul Masroor in Brisbane, Australia: Its foundation stone for the first purpose built Ahmadiyya mosque in Brisbane was laid in August 2012. The mosque was completed in 2013 and inaugurated by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa on October 25, 2013 while on tour of Far East countries. The $2 million project is located on a 4 hectares property.

Baitul Masroor, Brisbane, Australia

Baitul Muqeet: The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at New Zealand constructed their first Historic mosque in Auckland. The mosque's design was approved by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. He kindly named it Baitul Muqeet. On Friday, November 01, 2013, Hazrat Khailfatul Masih Vaa officially inaugurated the mosque.

Baitul Muqeet, Auckland, New Zealand

Baitur Rahman in Vancouver: The Head of Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and the Fifth Khalīfa, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the Baitur Rahman in Vancouver on May 17, 2013 when delivering his weekly Friday Sermon from the new Mosque.


Baitur Rahman, Vancouver, Canada

Translations of the Holy Qur'ān

into Various Languages of the World from 2003-2013

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This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; *it is* guidance for the righteous (2:3)

In the last fourteen centuries, the Holy Qur'ān was translated into 65 languages only. On the other hand the translation of Bible exceeded 1,800 manuscripts according to the report of Bible Societies.

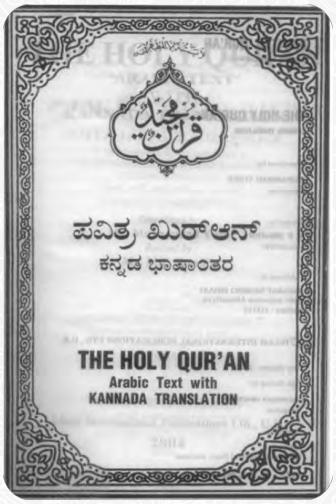
In view of the above-mentioned challenge presented by Christianity, the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community launched the most ambitious and noble task of making a complete rendering of the Holy Qur'ān into at least 50 widely spoken world languages by the year 1989—that being the centenary year of the foundation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

In addition to this, it was aimed to present the Holy Qur'ān, at least in part, to the speakers of many other languages while the preparation of a complete translation continues. To do this appropriately, a subject-wise selection of the verses of the Holy Qur'ān was made to introduce some fundamental Islāmic teachings to those readers who possess little or no knowledge of Islām.

In the first blessed decade of Khilāfat Khāmisah (2003—2013) there have been 17 translations of the Holy Qur'ān completed in various languages. There are also selected verses of the Holy Qur'ān translated into various languages. Following is an year by year account of the translations carried out by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

In 2003, the Holy Qur'ān was translated to the Catalan Language. Catalan is spoken in Spain, Italy and France by over 7.2 million people. (Weekly Al Fadl International, September 5, 2003)

In 2004, the Holy Qur'ān was translated into Kannada Language. This language is spoken by over 40 million people in India, especially in the state of Karnataka. **With this language, the translations carried out by Jamā'at reached 58 languages.** The English Translation of the Holy Qur'ān by Maulana Sher Ali Sahib[ra] has been prepared in Braille for the Blind, and over 40 million people are able to read it around the world. (Weekly Al Fadl International; August 20, 2004)



2005

In 2005, the Holy Qur'ān was translated in Creole and Uzbek Languages. Mauritian Creole is spoken by 1.1 million people. This translation was done by Sufia Sahib and his team. Uzbek is spoken in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan by over 25 million. The Holy Qur'ān was translated in Uzbek by Missionary Mr. Bukhari Sahib, Mr. Arshad Mahmood Sahib, Mr. Basharat Sahib, Malik Tahir Sahib and Mr. Hayat Sahib along with the help from the local members. Contributions were also made by Mr. Bakhtiar Sahib, Mr. Usman Sahib and an Uzbek Ahmadī Mr. Kabil Jaan Sahib. (Weekly Al Fadl International; August 19-25, 2005. Pg 2)

2006

In 2006, parts 11-20 of the Holy Qur'ān were translated in Thai language. (Weekly Al Fadl International; August 18-24, 2006. Pg 11)

2007

In 2007, the Holy Qur'ān was translated in four new languages; Moore, Wolof, Mandinka, and Fula.

Moore is spoken in Burkina Faso by over 8 million people. This was the first translation of the Holy Qur'ān in Moore language and took over 10 years to complete. The translation was done by the Principal of Teachers' Training Institute with the help of Mr. Karim Sahib, Mr. Alhaaj Jibrael Sahib, Mr. Zonu Sulf Sahib, Mr. Abdul Razzaq Sahib, and Mr. Alhaaj Qasim Sahib.

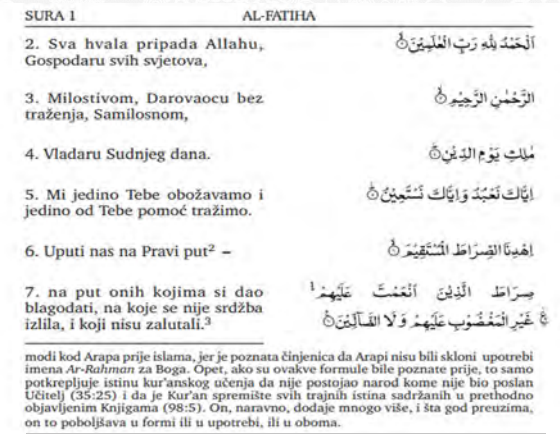
Wolof is spoken in Senegal, Gambia, and Mauritania by 4.2 million people. **Mandinka** is spoken in Mali, Senegal, Gambi, Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone by over 1.3 million people. **Fula** is mainly spoken in West Africa by 25 million people. A new translation was done in the Russian language with the help of the translation done by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]. This was done by Mu'allim Rustam Hammad Wali Sahib and Mr. Rabeel Bukhari Sahib along with Mr. Khalid Sahib. (Weekly Al Fadl International August 31—September 6, 2007. Pg 2)

2008

In 2008, four new Holy Qur'ān translations were published in Bosnian, Kyrgyz, Thai and Malagasy Languages. **Bosnian** in spoken largely in Bosnia and also in Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovakia by over 3 million people. **Kyrgyz** is used in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan by 3 million people. Thai is spoken by 60 million people in Thailand while Malagasy is spoken by 18 million people in Madagascar. (Weekly Al Fadl International; September 12- 18, 2008. Pg 2)

2009

In 2009, the Holy Qur'ān was translated in Asante Language of Ghana. This was done by Mr. Alhaaj Yusuf Sahib. This is the only religious literature that has ever been translated in Asante Language. Over 3 million people speak this language. (Weekly Al Fadl International, September 17-23, 2010. Pg 1)



SURA 1 AL-FATIHA

2. Sva hvala pripada Allahu, Gospodaru svih svjetova,	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ۙ
3. Milostivom, Darovaocu bez traženja, Samilosnom,	الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۙ
4. Vladaru Sudnjeg dana.	مٰلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ ۙ
5. Mi jedino Tebe obožavamo i jedino od Tebe pomoć tražimo.	اِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَاِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِيْنُ ۙ
6. Uputi nas na Pravi put[2] –	اِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيْمَ ۙ
7. na put onih kojima si dao blagodati, na koje se nije srdžba izlila, i koji nisu zalutali.[3]	صِرَاطَ الَّذِيْنَ اَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ[1] ۙ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوْبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّآلِّيْنَ ۧ

modi kod Arapa prije islama, jer je poznata činjenica da Arapi nisu bili skloni upotrebi imena *Ar-Rahman* za Boga. Opet, ako su ovakve formule bile poznate prije, to samo potkrepljuje istinu kur'anskog učenja da nije postojao narod kome nije bio poslan Učitelj (35:25) i da je Kur'an spremište svih trajnih istina sadržanih u prethodno objavljenim Knjigama (98:5). On, naravno, dodaje mnogo više, i šta god preuzima, on to poboljšava u formi ili u upotrebi, ili u oboma.

Translations of versus in Bosnian language.

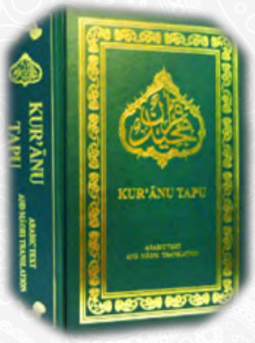
2010

In 2010, the Holy Qur'ān was translated in Portuguese Creole. This language is spoken in Guinea Bissau. It took 9 years of hard work by Mr. Nafa Mara Gasamala Sahib to complete this translation. (Weekly Al Fadl International; September 17-23, 2010)

In 2011 and 2012, no translations were completed.

2013

In 2013, the Holy Qur'ān was translated in Yao Language. Parts 11 to 20 the Holy Qur'ān were translated in Myanmar Language, while parts 1 to 10 were translated in Javanese Language of Indonesia benefitting 82 million. The most recent translation of the Holy Qur'ān was a revised translation in Moari Language of New Zealand. In this language, the Holy Qur'ān is knows as *Kuranu Tapu*. Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Muneer Sahib, who is 81 years old, learnt the language in 25 years and then translated the Holy Qur'ān.



With the Grace of Allāh, over 72 different translations of the Holy Qur'ān have been completed so far. In addition to these, the proofreading of the Holy Qur'ān is being carried out in Wale Language of Ghana. The Holy Qur'ān is also being translated in Kribati and Fante Language of Ghana.

It is with the blessings of Allāh and the System of Khilāfat that the Jamā'at is able to flourish and spread the message of the true Islām around the world. May Allāh enable all of us to put in our share so that we may be counted among those who served Jamā'at. May Allāh enable us not only to recite but to also understand and follow the Divine Law and Islāmic teachings laid down in the Holy Qur'ān! Amīn.

The Holy Qur'ān in Malagasy

سُوْرَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ مَدَنِيَّةٌ ٢

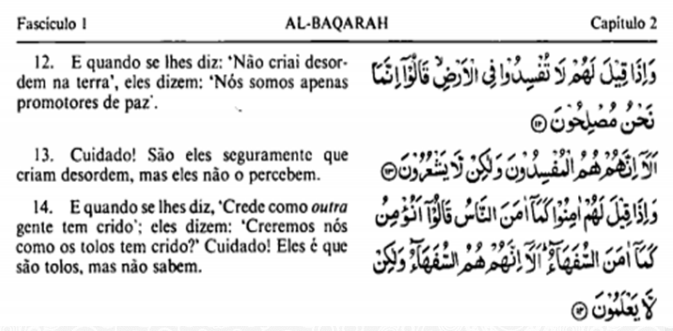
Toko Faharoa - 2

AL-BAKARAH

(Nambara taorian'ny Hijra)

1. Amin'ny Anaran'i Allāh, ilay Be Fahasoavana sady Be Indrafo.
2. Alif Lām Mīm - *Izaho no i Allāh, Ilay Mahalala ny zava-drehetra*
3. Boky *tonga lafatra* ity, tsy misy mampisalasala ao anatiny, taridalana ho an'ireo olo-marina.
4. Izay mino ny tsy hita maso, izay manaja ny fanompoam-pivavahana, ary mandany izay natolotray azy ireo;

The Holy Qur'ān in Portuguese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12. E quando se lhes diz: 'Não criai desordem na terra', eles dizem: 'Nós somos apenas promotores de paz'.

13. Cuidado! São eles seguramente que criam desordem, mas eles não o percebem.

14. E quando se lhes diz, 'Crede como *outra* gente tem crido'; eles dizem: 'Creremos nós como os tolos tem crido?' Cuidado! Eles é que são tolos, mas não sabem.

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Holy Qur'ān Translations Completed between 2003 - 2013

Language	Country	Translated by
	Year **2003**	
Catalan	Spain	No information available.
	Year 2004	
Kannada	India	Muhammad Yusuf
Braille (For Blind)	All over the world	Maulana Sher Ali Sahib
	Year 2005	
Creole	Mauritius	Sufia Sahib
Uzbek	Uzbekistan	Missionary Mr. Bukhari Sahib, Mr. Arshad Mahmood Sahib, Mr. Basharat Sahib, Malik Tahir Sahib, and Mr. Hayat Sahib along with the help from the local members and Mr. Bakhtiar Sahib, Mr. Usman Sahib and an Uzbek Ahmadī, Mr. Kabil Jaan Sahib
	Year 2006	
Thai (Parts 11-20)	Thailand	Information not available.
	Year 2007	
Moore	Burkina Faso Gambia	Mr. Karim Sahib, Mr. Alhaaj Jibrael Sahib, Mr. Zonu Sulf Sahib, Mr. Abdul Razzaq Sahib, and Mr. Alhaaj Qasim Sahib
Wolof	Senegal, Gambia, and Mauritania	No information available.
Mandinka	Mali, Senegal, Gambia, Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone	No information available.
Fula	West Africa	No information available.
Myanmar (Parts 1-10)	Indonesia, Burma	No information available.
	Year 2008	
Bosnian	Bosnia	Fahrija Avdiæ and Wasim Ahmad
Kyrgyz	Kyrgyzstan	No information available.
Thai	Thailand	No information available.
Malagasy	Madagascar	No information available.
	Year 2009	
Asante	Ghana	Alhaaj Yusuf Ahmad Edusei Sahib
	Year 2010	
Portuguese Creole	Portugal	Nafa Mara Gasamala Sahib
Hebrew (First 3 Surahs)	Israel	Mūsā As'ad Odeh
	Year 2013	
Yao	China/ Southeast Asia	No information available.
Maori	New Zealand	Shakeel Ahmad Muneer Sahib
	Ongoing	
Wale	Ghana	No information available.
Kiribati	Kiribati	No information available.
Fante	Ghana	No information available.
Mayanmar (Parts 11-20)	Burma	No information available.

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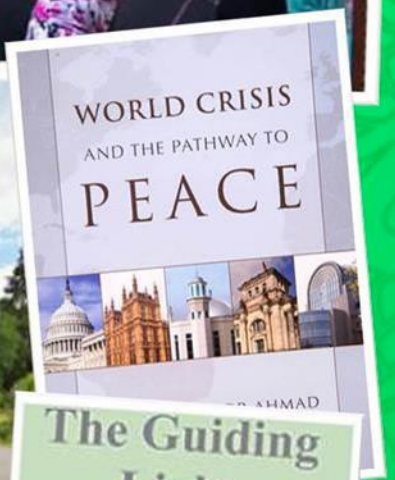
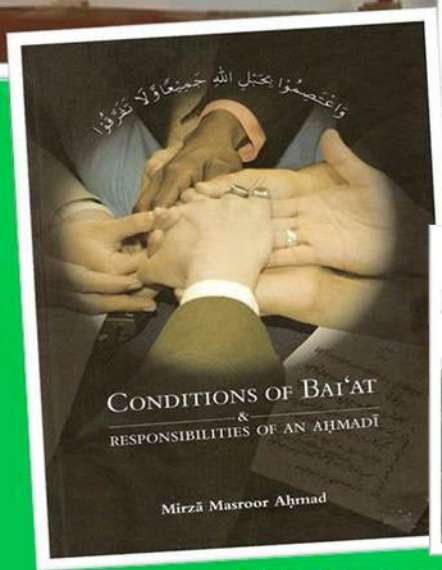
Preparing for a Bright Future of Ahmadiyyat





"I shall give precedence to my faith over all worldly affairs"

In this section:

- *Establishment and Expansion of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya in Various Countries of the World from 2003—2013*
- *Some Facts on Worldwide Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya*
- *An Introduction to the Books of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^aa*

Establishment and Expansion of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya

in Various Countries of the World from 2003-2013

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Allāh the Almighty says in the Holy Qur'ān:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِّنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَّدْعُوْنَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ
وَيَأْمُرُوْنَ بِالْمَعْرُوْفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأُولٰٓئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُوْنَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

"And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin virtue and forbid evil. And it is they who shall prosper." (3:105)

وَمَا كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ لِيَنْفِرُوْا كَآفَّةً ۚ
فَلَوْلَا نَفَرَ مِنْ كُلِّ فِرْقَةٍ مِّنْهُمْ طَآئِفَةٌ
لِّيَتَفَقَّهُوْا فِي الدِّيْنِ وَلِيُنْذِرُوْا قَوْمَهُمْ إِذَا
رَجَعُوْٓا إِلَيْهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَحْذَرُوْنَ ﴿١٢٢﴾

Further, the Holy Qur'ān commands the believers:

"It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together. Why, then, does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may become well versed in religion, and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard *against evil*?" (9:122)

Background

In 1905, after the death of two prominent scholars of Jamā'at Hazrat Maulwi Abdul Karim Siyalkoti[ra] and Hazrat Maulwi Burhanuddin Jehlumi[ra], the Promised Messiah[as] felt the need of a system whereby there are always scholars ready to bear the scholarly responsibilities of the Jamā'at and to fill the vacuum created with the demise of older scholars. Accordingly, in 1905 at the occasion of the Annual Convention, the Promised Messiah[as] delivered an inspiring speech and explained the necessity of an institution for producing religious scholars.[1] Subsequently, the Promised Messiah[as] founded a religious training institution in January 1906. It was called "Madrassah Ahmadiyya" and it later evolved into the "Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya"

"Madrassah Ahmadiyya" began as a branch of Talimul Islām High School Qādiān; and in 1909 this "Madrassah" was moved to a new building by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra]. In 1910, Hazrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad[ra] was entrusted its administration until March 1914 when he became Khalīfatul-Masīh II and then Hazrat Mirzā Bashir Ahmad Sāhib[ra] took over the responsibilities of this institution.[2]

Hazrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, the Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] describes the first building of the "Madrassah" in these words,

"There was only one building. There were no benches, no chairs or desks. There were no tables. There was only matting and that was not from *'Upalgin'* mills, but ordinary mats sold by the low-caste. Those mats were so small in width that an average sized person sitting on it had half his body off the mat. The prayer mat used to be the seat for the teacher." [3]

Later this theology section was separated from the Ta'līmul Islām High School and on May 20, 1928, an independent institution was inaugurated by Hazrat Mirzā Bahiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra] which was named as Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Qādiān. Following the partition of the Indian Subcontinent, the Ahmadiyya Community in Islām relocated its headquarters to Rabwah, Pakistan in 1948. Keeping in view the needs of the Community, Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya was moved from Qādiān to Lahore and then to Chiniot for a short period and then to Ahmad Nagar prior to its permanent establishment in Rabwah in 1955. Since then, due to the exponential growth of the Community around the globe, new campuses have been initiated in many countries throughout the world.[4]

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya around the World from 2003—2013

The past ten blessed years (2003-2013) have been a glorified period in the history of the institution of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya. Foreseeing the increasing Tabligh activities of Jamā'at and the training requirements of thousands of upcoming young devotees under the Waqf Nau scheme, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] has given special attention to the development of this institution in the global perspective. Under the guidance of Huzoor[aa], new International Institutions of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya have been established in three countries i.e. Canada, United Kingdom and Germany. Moreover, the existing institution of Jāmi'a Rabwah has been modernized and expanded. Jāmi'a Ghana has been developed to the international status. All these Jāmi'as, including Qādiān are now offering the "Shahid" degree which is a comprehensive seven-year training program comprised of study in Islāmic theology, languages, comparative study of religions, religious philosophy and major religious scriptures. In addition, training in human relations and basic sciences is also an integral part of the curriculum.

International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Qādiān, India

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Qādiān, India enjoys the distinction and honour of having a unique and special status among the worldwide Jāmi'as that it was started by the blessed hands of the Promised Messiah[as] himself. It is still actively functional and is housed in a grand building of "Saraye Tahir."[5]

Centenary Celebrations of Jāmi'a Qādiān in 2006

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Qādiān celebrated its 100 year anniversary (Jubilee) in 2006. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] attended this ceremony on January 12, 2006. On this occasion Huzoor[aa] said that instead of a traditional

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Qādiān, India at Saraye Tahir

speech, he will interact with each of the 24 students of the most senior class of the Jāmi'a, and that will provide sufficient guidance for the rest. Huzoor[aa] asked questions from every student about different matters and gave instructions to them and the Jāmi'a administration. Huzoor[aa] laid emphasis on the regularity in Tahajud prayers, appointment of the Physical Education teacher, assigning the topics for the Seminars and Final Thesis. Huzoor[aa] also reminded students that when out in the field they will have the huge responsibility of representing the Khalīfa of the time.

Expansion of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Rabwah, Pakistan

Right from the beginning of Khilāfat Khāmisah, the Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Rabwah was auspicious to be granted the special attention of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] for its grand expansion scheme to fulfill the future training needs of thousands of Missionaries.

In year 1955 the Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya was moved from Ahmad Nagar to Rabwah, the newly established headquarters. In 1966, a formal building compound was built in Darul Barakaat for Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya. This facility comprises of main Jāmi'a building, student hostel, a mosque and residential quarters for staff.

In the year 2003, under the special instructions of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], a grand project of expansion and modernization of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Rabwah was started. Under this blessed scheme a "Junior Section" for the first two years of study was added in 2004; for which a separate new building was built at Darun Nasar West location, along with two new student hostels, named Tahir and Noor hostels. On March 23, 2004 the existing Senior Section of Jāmi'a at Darul Barakat was upgraded and foundations were laid for the addition of a new Academic Block. A new student residence, named Mahmood Hostel was also added in year 2005 at the Senior Section of Jāmi'a Rabwah. Jāmi'a students complete their last five years of study here, to achieve the "Shahid" degree.[6]

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyyaa Rabwah, Junior Section

Upgrading of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Ghana to an International Institute

With the guidance from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[ra], Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary Training College (AMMTC) Ghana was started on March 21, 1966. Initially, this college operated on a 'batch system' with thirteen (13) students. Maulwi Muhammad Saddique Gurdaspuri Sāhib[ra] was appointed as the first Principal.

On January 6, 2003 this college (AMMTC) was transferred to a new building at Ekumfi-Ekrawfo in the Central Region of Ghana. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] officially inaugurated the new building on March 14, 2004 during his historic visit to Ekrawfo, Ghana and instructed to start yearly intake system. The Jāmi'a Ghana was again blessed with the visit of Hazrat

Huzoor[aa] unveiling the plaque for Jāmi'atul Mubashireen

Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa during his historic tour of Ghana in 2008.

Renaming of Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary Training College (AMMTC)

In December 2010, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa graciously renamed the AMMTC as "**Jāmi'atul Mubashireen"** (University of the Bearers of Glad Tidings). This Jāmi'atul Mubashireen, previously known as AMMTC had been serving for the cause of Islām Ahmadiyyat, and has played a key role in the widespread winning of the hearts for Islām and Ahmadiyyat, particularly in the African Continent.[8]

A New International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Ghana

In 2012, under the instructions of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa, Jāmi'a Ghana a new "International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya", a university level school of theology and scholastic sciences was established.

A new building for the International Jāmi'a has been constructed in Mankessim Central region, a town near Saltpond in Ghana. This beautifully constructed university was inaugurated on August 26, 2012 by Dr. Maulwi Abdul Wahab Adam Sāhib, the incumbent Amīr and Missionary in-charge of Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Ghana. This institution is hosting students from all over Africa for seven years "Shahid" Course. For the first year 18 students were selected from 8 African countries including Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Sierra Leon, Burkina Faso, Togo, Benin and Kenya. The new Jāmi'a has an administration block along with a Library, Conference room, Classrooms, Hostel, Guest House and residences for staff. There is a big dining hall which can accommodate 200 students. A Mosque with the capacity of 500 people is under construction. Mr. Fareed Ahmad Naveed has been appointed as the first Principal for this international Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya.[7]

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya International Ghana

Establishment of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada

Logo of Jāmi'a Canada

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IVrh graciously approved the establishment of a Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya in Canada. Under the blessed directions of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa the Canadian branch of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya was inaugurated in year 2003 and the classes started on September 7, 2003.

Jāmi'a Canada operates on the same pattern and syllabus as the International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya in Rabwah, Pakistan, offering missionary training to selected members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Successful students are awarded the "Shahid" degree after completion of a comprehensive seven-year training program.

Jāmi'a faculty in Canada comprises of distinguished missionaries, professional teachers, visiting professors and instructors. Jāmi'a Canada offers an environment wherein students can concentrate on gaining religious knowledge, enhance their spirituality as well as promote an atmosphere of brotherhood and follow an active daily schedule with several sports activities.[9]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa first visited Jāmi'a Canada on August 23rd 2004, and wrote following comments in the "Visitors Book",

"**Let the students of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya always remember that after attaining the age of maturity, they have willingly offered themselves for Waqf (life of devotion) in compliance with the promise made by their parents before Allāh.** Thus, throughout their lives, they must always faithfully abide by this response of Hazrat Ishmael[as] when he said: 'You will find me if Allāh pleases, steadfast in my faith.' During the course of your education and during your life in the field of duty, you might encounter certain difficult and taxing situations. By seeking the help of Allāh, you have to set forth high standards of patience and devotion. Insha'Allāh! ...Remember that you have been enrolled in the distinctive 'spiritual army' of the Messiah of Allāh. The world has gone astray. **It is YOU who have to gather them back under the banner of Allāh and that of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] so that they become aware of the purpose of their creation and prostrate before Him in humility.** Remember that this task cannot be accomplished without the help of Allāh. Therefore, implore and beseech the help of Allāh by wetting the places of your prostrations with tears. May Allāh always shower upon you His support, His assistance and His blessings. So may it be, O Allāh! May Allāh grant you that unique opportunity. May Allāh always make the Jāmi'a faculty and students aware of their responsibilities. Amīn!"[10]

First Convocation of Jāmi'a Canada

On July 11, 2012, the first Convocation Ceremony of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Canada took place at the newly built Tahir Hall in Peace Village. The ceremony included graduates from the Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012 and was presided over by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. Forty graduates received their "Shahid" degrees from Huzoor[aa] in this blessed ceremony.

On this occasion, Huzoor[aa] said:

> "Always remember that to get a degree is not enough but is in fact only the very first and small step. You have many more steps to climb. Always remember that the key to your success is your humility. You should not just be the type of Missionary who guides or lectures others, but in fact you should make sure that every point that you try to inculcate in others has already been developed within yourself."

Speaking about the priorities of an Ahmadī Muslim Missionary, Huzoor[aa] said:

"Your purpose is religion. Your purpose is to spread the true teachings of Islām throughout the world. Sometimes through your work you may come to meet high level politicians or dignitaries but such opportunities should never lead you to forget your basic purpose or to change your way of thinking. Never become attracted by worldly people or activities because that will lead you away from the pledge you have made to God Almighty."[11]

Tahir Hall, New Location of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada

First Convocation of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada For Classes 2010, 2011 and 2012

Inauguration of New Building for International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada

The institution of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Canada originally used the "Baitul Hamd" facility in Mississauga Ontario since its opening in 2003. Since, September 2012 it has been moved to a newly built multi-use complex, commonly known as "Tahir Hall". This building was formally inaugurated on July 17, 2012 by the blessed hands of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. The main facilities of Jāmi'a Canada are located on the third floor of Tahir Hall including a reception area, assembly hall, seven classrooms, staff offices, a computer lab and kitchen. However, the library, multi-purpose hall and gymnasium are located on the ground floor.[12]

Establishment of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya United Kingdom

The Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya United Kingdom is another milestone in the history of "International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya" which was initiated by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. It was formally inaugurated by Hazrat Amirul Mou'mineenaa on October 1, 2005. Jāmi'a UK is also offering a full seven year missionary training program for the "Shahid" degree.

In his opening address, Huzooraa said:

"This Jāmi'a is going to take care of the 'Waqifn Nau' youth who have offered to become Missionaries… When Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IVrh announced the Waqf Nau Scheme, he said that we need hundreds and thousands of 'Waqifn Nau'. So far the numbers are in thousands but the way the Jamā'at is increasing and the way the attention of the parents is developing in this respect, Insha'Allāh the numbers will reach hundreds and thousands. Then, of course, we shall have to open a Jāmi'a in every country, and this will Insha'Allāh happen one day."

Advising the Jāmi'a students, Huzooraa said: "The few years that you are going to spend here, approximately seven years, each day of each year should prove to be a day that brings revolution in your lives. It should be a day exhibiting respect for your pledge. Your teachers, your family, your environment and you yourself should be able to see a new pure change every day. Your relationship with Allāh should strengthen each day. It should be on your mind all the time that I am a devotee and nothing belongs to me. My being is now for God and for the Jamā'at of the Messiah of God… May you always take pride, and may this pride enhance your sense of humility, that you are soldiers of the army of the Messiah of God who are to raise the flag of the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) all over the world. Insha'Allāh. May Allāh enable you to do this, Amīn."[13]

First Convocation Ceremony of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK

The first Convocation Ceremony of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK took place on June 9, 2012, at the newly acquired Jāmi'a premises in the historic town of Haslemere in Surrey. This ceremony was presided over by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. During the ceremony, 23 graduates were presented with their "Shahid" Degrees by Huzooraa and were thus enrolled as official Missionaries of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. During his speech on this occasion, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa said:

23 Graduates received their degrees from Huzooraa at the first Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK convocation.

"You should always remember that every act and deed of an Ahmadī Missionary should be one that helps and benefits others… never consider yourselves to be perfect in any matter and never consider yourselves to be highly educated. In the history of the world there has only been one perfect person and that was the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. It is his example that you must constantly strive to emulate and follow."

Huzoor[aa] further said:

"The Missionaries of our Jamā'at are respected by all Ahmadīs and this is something that you will also come to find. But you must always remember that this respect is not due to any personal achievement of yours, but is only due to the love that Ahmadīs hold for the Promised Messiah[as] and for his Jamā'at. Thus, any respect or recognition that you receive is due only to the blessings of the Promised Messiah[as]."[14]

Inauguration of New Building, Jāmi'a UK

On October 21, 2012, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] inaugurated the newly renovated building of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK in Haslemere in Surrey. Huzoor[aa] was given a tour of the entire site, which amongst others included classrooms, hostels, sports areas, a library and dining facilities.

On this occasion, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] said:

> "The reason you are willingly spending seven years at Jāmi'a gaining a religious education is so that you can help save the world from the destruction that it faces. This is a huge responsibility and so you must always be willing to offer all sacrifices that are required."

Speaking about their future roles, Huzoor[aa] said they must prove themselves to be 'ambassadors of peace'. He said they should seek to integrate themselves within the local society, rather than hiding away within the confines of the College.

Huzoor[aa] further said:

"**You should all be like the 'The Hand of Talha', defending the honour and reputation of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] at every level. And in the same way you must defend the character of the Promised Messiah[as] against all false allegations that are raised.** And the best way to fulfill these objectives is to first of all reform yourself, as only then will you be able to reform the rest of the world."[15]

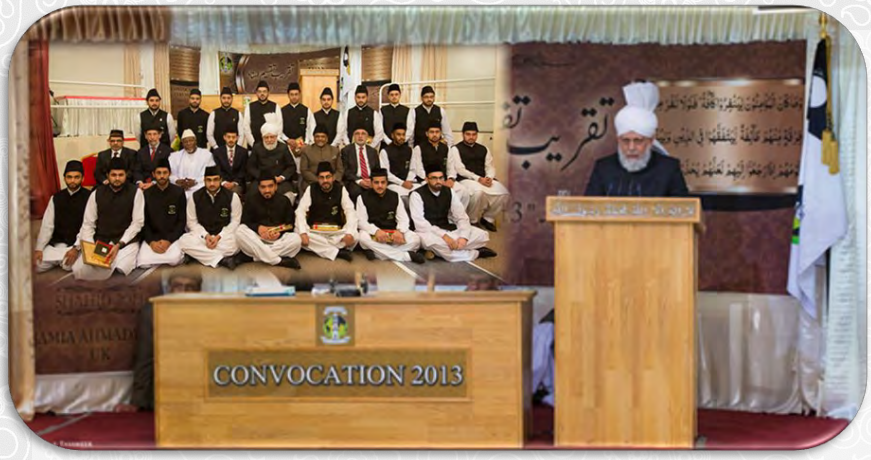
Huzoor[aa] unveiling the plaque for the new building of Jāmi'a UK, in Haslemere Surrey, UK (image shown in the subset).

Second Convocation of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK

On January 11, 2014, the second Convocation Ceremony of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK took place at the College premises in Haslemere in Surrey. The ceremony was presided over by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. During the event, 20 graduates were presented with their 'Shahid Degree' certificates by Huzoor[aa] and were thus enrolled as official Missionaries of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Following the degree presentations, Huzoor[aa] delivered a faith inspiring address in which he reminded the graduates of their vast responsibilities as ambassadors of the Khalīfa of the Promised Messiah[as] and said:

"The pulses of Ahmadī Missionaries should correspond exactly to the heart-beat of the Khalīfa at all times."[16]

International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Germany is another significant development in the history of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, which was inaugurated by Hazrat Amirul Mou'mineen Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] on August 20, 2008.



2nd Convocation at UK Jāmi'a; the picture of graduates with Huzoor[aa] in the subset.

Establishment of International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Germany

Foundation stone for the new building of Jāmi'a Germany was laid by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] on 15th of December 2009 on a 6500 sqm land, adjacent to the Baitul Aziz Mosque which was previously acquired by the community for this purpose. By the Blessings of Almighty Allāh and with the prayers of Spiritual Head of the community, the Jāmi'a building is now completed to house the current more than 80 students ranging from first to sixth year levels. In class of 2013, eighty students are enrolled.[17]

Inauguration of New Building

On December 17, 2012, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] inaugurated the first Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya of the mainland Europe, in the city of Reichstadt, Germany (the Jāmi'a at Frankfurt was shifted here). A special function was held in which Huzoor[aa] delivered a keynote address to the students of the Jāmi'a explaining their responsibilities and the purpose of this institution. Dignitaries, journalists and local residents were all invited to the historic occasion, and they came to learn first-hand of the teachings inculcated and the message that would emanate from the Jāmi'a.

Indicating Jāmi'a Germany's future role in uniting the whole Europe, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] said,

"This institution has been established in a city that has German students, as well as students from other European countries who have come to acquire knowledge. Thus, from this small city, a light of knowledge is to emerge and disseminate across the whole of Europe. The European Union is working in unison due to social, economic and political reasons; however, the Europeans are not paying attention towards religion. Therefore, it is the Ahmadiyya Community that has united Europe in the city of Reichstadt in another way. From here, the propagators of the true teachings of Islām will spread across Europe and it is even possible that they will present the true picture of Islām beyond Europe. Thus, accordingly, this city has been granted a great distinction."

Explaining the responsibilities of Jāmi'a students, Huzoor[aa] gave the example of honey bee and said, "God the Exalted has stated that the bee gathers nectar from different fruits to make into honey. Here, different fruits are being presented to you. Now the Holy Qur'ān is the fountainhead of all qualities, the source of all teachings and a spring that leads towards Allāh the Exalted and contains the most supreme lesson about fulfilling the rights of mankind. It contains the lesson of religious tolerance and respecting the sentiments of every religion. This is the teaching that you are gaining here. In addition there are explanations in the Ahadīth which have been stated by the Holy Prophet[sa]. You are attaining this knowledge here. The Islāmic jurists have done various commentaries on it, and you are studying *Fiqh* (Islāmic Jurisprudence). Furthermore, you are studying comparative religions to learn other faiths. You will study Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and other religions so that you know what their teachings are and what are the teachings of Islām. If any faith falsely accuses Islām,

then you will know what your response should be… May Allāh enable you to follow all these instructions and may you graduate in the true essence as a missionary and a preacher and become one who spreads the light of Islām here."[18]

Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK building; students with Huzoor[aa] at the time of inauguration in subset.

Blessings for Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Nigeria

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Nigeria in Illaro on April11, 2004 during his historical tour to Africa. This Jāmi'a was established in 1982. Huzoor[aa] wrote the following comments in the remarks book, **"May Allāh make the students of Jāmi'a true servants of Islām. May Allāh excel them in knowledge and piety. May Allāh make the students true lover of Khilāfat."**

Huzoor[aa] visited various areas of Jāmi'a including library, staff room, student hostel and dining room; and gave some important instructions to the Jāmi'a principal, Imtiaz Ahmad Naveed Sāhib. On the same day, during his speech at Jalsa Sālāna Nigeria, Huzoor[aa] advised to the students of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Nigeria in the following words:

> "There is a huge responsibility on the students of Jāmi'a Ahamdiyya because of the fact that you are here for the purpose of religious education. You need to fulfill this responsibility with upmost sincerity and hard work. Always give the heartfelt respect to your teachers. Give respect to the one even you have learned a single word from. Whatever knowledge you gain, always try to give it to others. May Allāh's protection be always with you and may He be your Helper, Amīn."[19]

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] visited the Jāmi'a Illaro, Nigeria again in 2008.

Appointment of Graduates of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya

All students and alumni of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya have dedicated their lives to the cause of Ahmadiyyat and Islām. Upon completion of their degrees, they start the most important part of their divine duty of the Service of Islām Ahmadiyyat; and are sent to the various parts of the world including South America, Africa, North America, Europe, and Far East as appointed by the Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa]. Jāmi'a students may be appointed either as Missionaries or Research Scholars of the Community or on any other specialized task in the organization of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as desired by the Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa]. They are sent for the specialized studies to other institutions if required by the nature of their appointments. Jāmi'a alumni stay with their careers as appointed by the Khalīfatul-Masīh[aa] for the rest of their lives, as per their commitment to Allāh and the Community.

The "International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya" is a blessed Academy producing the commanders for the victory of Islām Ahmadiyyat in the world. This victory of Islām is the Divine Goal and Purpose prophesized by the Holy Prophet[sa] for the advent of the Promised Messiah and Mahdī[as].

By the Grace of Allāh, the blessed seed planted 108 years ago in Qādiān has sprouted and now become a stout tree. Its roots are strong in the soil and its branches have spread around the world. This Institution has been taken to the new glorious international avenues during the past ten years (2003-2013) of Khilāfat Khāmisah; and is now flourishing under the personal attention bestowed by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya confers upon its students a life-time experience where social skills are also refined beside the spiritual uplift. It is a unique opportunity that engraves the memories of brotherhood, stories of friendship, tales of great challenges, and strength to achieve higher goals. It culminates in a very fine, brand new and enlightened personality within the students which becomes a divine tool when they are appointed in the field for the service of Islām.

The mission of the Promised Messiahas was to renew the message of Islām and through Divine Guidance, put forth the true interpretation of the Qur'ānic messages. The universal expectation of the second advent of the great reformer in the latter days was to promote unity, peace, accord and spiritual fulfillment. There is the promise contained in the Qur'ān, that in the latter days a prophet would be raised in Islām who would not only defend Islām against the attacks of the followers of other faiths but would establish the superiority of Islām in every respect over all other religions, as is said in the Holy Qur'ān.

"He it is Who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it prevail over every *other* religion, even though the idolaters may dislike *it*." (9:33)

The graduates of this great institution are dedicated to further the mission of the Promised Messiahas. By the Grace of Almighty Allāh, they are very well equipped to face this challenge.

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Some Facts on International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya

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Name / City & Country	Jāmi'atul Mubashireen Ghana (Ekumfi Ekrawfo)	International Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Ghana (Mankessim)	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada, Maple, Ontario, Canada	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK, Haslemere, Surrey, UK	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Germany, Riedstadt, Goddelau	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Year of Opening	May 21, 1966 at Salt Pond	August 26, 2012	September 7, 2003 In Mississauga	October 1, 2005, in Colliers wood, London	August 20, 2008, in Frankfurt	May 2, 1986, in Bogor
Inaugurated by	Maulana Atta Ullah Kaleem Sb, then Amir and Missionary in Charge Ghana	Maulana Abdul Wahab Bin Adam Amir & Missionnary In Charge Ghana	Maulana Nasim Mahdi Sb, then Amir & Missionary in Charge Canada	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	Maulana Mahmood Ahmad Cheema Sb, HA, Shahid, Al-Hajj (Late)
New Complex	Shifted to Ekrawfo on January 6, 2003	—	Shifted to new building in Maple on July 11, 2012	Shifted to Haslemere, on October 21, 2012	Shifted to Riedstadt on December 17, 2012	—
New Complex Inaugurated by	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	—	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa	—
Status	Intl.	Intl.	Intl.	Intl.	Intl.	Local
Principal	Hameedullah Zafar Sb	Fareed Ahmad Naveed Sb	Hadi Ali Chaudhry Sb	Mirzā Nasir Ahmad Inam Sb	Shamshad Ahmad Qamar Sb	Munir-ul-Islām Yousuf Sb, Shahid
Graduates since Inception	445	—	48	43	—	230
Students Studying Now	95 (from 17 countries)	35	64	126	87	44
Degrees Offered	Mubashar (5 Years course)	Shahid	Shahid	Shahid	Shahid	Mubashar (5 Years course)
Madrasatul Hifz	Yes, from March 1, 2005	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Medium	English	Urdu	English, Urdu	Urdu	Urdu	Indonesian

No.	7	8	9	10	11*
Name / City & Country	Jāmi'atul Mubsshireen Nigeria, Ilaro, Nigeria	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Tanzania, Morogoro, Tanzania	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya, Bo, Sierra Leone	Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Bangladesh, Dhaka	Jāmi'a Sri Lanka, Pisyala, Sri Lanka (started as Waq Nau Academy)
Year of Opening	1980	Officially started in 1983	Nov 11, 2006	Nov 2006	June 11, 2006
Inaugurated by	Maulana Muhammad Ajmal Shahid Sāhib, then Amir & Missionary In Charge Nigeria	Maulana Abdul Wahab Bin Adam, Amir Ghana	Saeedur Rehman Sb, Amir & Missionary In Charge Sierra Leone	Mubasher-Ur_Rahman, National Amir Bangladesh	Raja Munir Ahmad Khan sb, Principal Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Rabwah Junior Section
New Complex	—	Shifted to new building on Dec 24, 2007	Shifted to New Academic Block in April 2012	—	—-
New Complex Inaugurated by	—	Tahir Mahmood Chaudhary Sb, Amir & Missionary in Charge Tanzania	Saeedur Rehman Sb, Amir & Missionary In Charge, Sierra Leone	—	—
Status	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
Principal	Nadeem Ahmad Waseem Sb	Kareem-ud-Din Shamas	Mubarak Ahmed Ghuman	Muhammad Imdadur Rehman Siddiqui Sb	Maulwi A. B. Mushtaq Ahmad Sb
Graduates since Inception	200+	67	25	67	6
Students Studying Now	43	43	47	8	0*
Degrees Offered	Mu'allim Mubashar	Mubashar (4 Years Course)	Mu'allim	Shahid	Mubashar
Madrasatul Hifz	As an autonomous body	No	No	No	No
Medium	English	Swahilli (trying English & Urdu)	English	Urdu, Bengali	Urdu

*closed in Aug 2013 due to low intake. 1 student shifed to Colombo for training. 1 local Sri Lankan student has graduated from Jāmi'a UK in 2013.

Source: Tabshir International

Inauguration of Jāmi'a UK on October 1, 2005

"... **You** are amongst those fortunate people whose parents and ancestors were able to accept the Promised Messiah[as] and then they progressed in faith to the extent that they, at the beck and call of the Khalifa, offered their children in the cause of Allāh. Following the footsteps of Hadrat Ibrahim[as] they prayed to Allāh the Exalted for pious progeny so that they were able to offer them to Allāh. Many mothers supplicated,

"O Lord! Whatever is in my womb and whoever is to be born of me, I offer it to you."

It is only so because they have a genuine connection with the Promised Messiah[as]. That created in them the desire to offer their children for 'Waqf Nau.' A large number of letters that come regarding devotion of children to 'Waqf Nau' are mostly from Ahmadi mothers. It is a blessing of Allāh that in this age when mothers want children to fulfil worldly desires, they dedicate them for the sake of faith. So you are fortunate that God Almighty blessed you with such parents who were content to offer their children for the cause of Allāh and for the sake of the faith. So as you thank Allāh the Exalted, you should also pray for your parents that,

'O Lord, have Mercy upon them, for the way they raised me up and I, despite the effulgence of this world and living in this society where there is filth all around, have reached adolescence due to the training and prayers of my parents; O Allāh, I am entering this Institution for acquiring the education of faith.'

From the address delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] at the inauguration of Jāmi'a UK on October 1, 2005.

An Introduction to the Books of

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V

(May Allāh be his Helper)

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Introduction

It is indeed Allāh's great favour upon us that He has blessed us with the institution of Khilāfat, and has given us the honour to be associated with it. It is a great trust that we have been vouchsafed with. Further, this blessing comes with great responsibilities. Every Khalīfa has directed the attention of members of Jamā'at towards these responsibilities and guided them in the best possible manner.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra] says: "All your personal aspirations and desires should be non-existent and you should connect yourself with the Imam in such a manner as cars are connected with engines. This era has come after thirteen hundred years and in future this era cannot come till Qayamah. (Khutbāte Noor, page 131)

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra] has emphasized on the importance of Khilāfat as: "Remember this well that Khilāfat is the rope of Allāh; it is such a string, holding which you can progress forward — whosoever leaves it will be destroyed" (Darsul Qur'ān delivered March 1, 1921, reference Darsul Qur'ān Page 67 published Qādiān). Here, Huzoor[ra] meant that Khilāfat is the unifying factor that holds everyone together and without it there is discord and conflict.

"Remember this well that Khilāfat is the rope of Allāh; it is such a string, holding which you can progress forward — whosoever leaves it, will be destroyed."

(Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra])

Furthermore, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[rh] said: "It is important for us that we lead the days of our lives by being grateful to Him and always strive to establish unity and accord among the Jamā'at. We must not ignore the fact that all greatness and patronage is below the feet of Khilāfat Rashida [meaning all success and greatness is in being associated with Khilāfat]." (Bait-Ullah kay 23 azeem maqasid, page 116)

Similarly, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] says: "Fasten your bond so tightly with Khilāfat as if your hand is bound in a strong bond which is impossible to break. Thus if you stay with Khilāfat, Khilāfat most certainly will remain with you and the attachment of both will result in establishing the Unity of Allāh (Tauheed) (Monthly Khalid, May 1994)

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], advising the Jamā'at to always stay connected with Khilāfat, says:

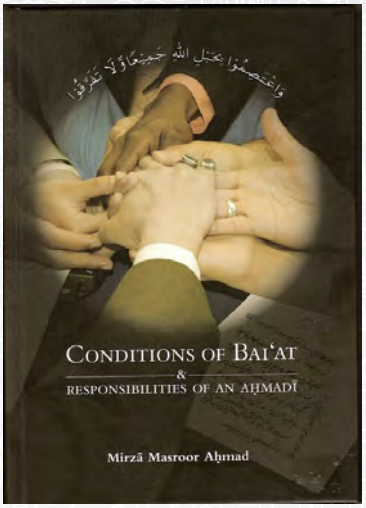
"Allāh has awarded you with the blessing of Khilāfat which will lead to all types of successes. **Hold this rope of Allāh strongly. Always remain associated with Khilāfat for the sake of establishing unity, harmony and accord and for achieving eternal success.** Advise your children, and generation through generation to stay connected to this great blessing. Always strive for its progress and strength and always be prepared for every sacrifice that may be required in this cause". (Mash`al Rah, Vol. 5, Part 1, page 32-33)

The fact is that Khilāfat is a fort of peace and security and under its protection the caravan of Ahmadiyyat is magnificently progressing and achieving new heights of success.

Today in the blessed era of Khilāfat Khāmisah, we have the opportunity of benefitting from Huzoor[aa]'s weekly sermons and addresses, which are full of love, compassion and wisdom. We have a protective and loving spiritual Father who stays awake at nights for us and prays for our guidance and betterment. He guides us at all times; teaches and reforms us; points out our weaknesses and explains to us the ways for facing various circumstances. Reading and pondering upon the sermons and addresses of dear Huzoor[aa] makes one realize the wealth of knowledge contained in them. Below is a brief introduction of Huzoor[aa]'s addresses that have now been published in book form.

Conditions of Bai'at and the Responsibilities of an Ahmadī

On the first annual convention after becoming Khalīfa, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] chose the topic "Conditions of Bai'at" as the topic of his speech. From the ten conditions of Bai'at set by the Promised Messiah[as], Huzoor[aa] explained in detail the first three



conditions of Bai'at in the light of the commentary from the Holy Qur'ān, Ahadīth and sayings of the Promised Messiah[as]. This was the concluding address of the Annual Convention of UK. After explaining the word "Bai'at", Huzoor[aa] spoke about the objectives and purpose of Bai'at so that every Ahmadī can understand the conditions of Bai'at and follow them completely.

On the occasion of the Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) of Germany held on August 24, 2003, Huzoor[aa] explained in detail the fourth, fifth and sixth conditions of Bai'at. Subsequently, on August 29th in Sheverthaley Frankfurt, Germany, Huzoor[aa] elucidated upon the seventh and eighth conditions of Bai'at in the Friday Sermon. Ninth and tenth conditions of Bai'at were explained in the Friday Sermons delivered on September 12, 2003 and September 19, 2003 respectively in Fazl Mosque, London.

All of these addresses and Friday Sermons of Huzoor[aa] were published in a book form -- the first edition of the book was published in 2004 in England. In the edition published in June 2004, three more sermons were added that Huzoor[aa] had delivered on the same topic on September 26, 2003 in Fazl Mosque, London; on October 10, 2003 in Mosque Baitul Futūh, Morden; and on October 17, 2003 in Fazl Mosque, London. In these sermons Huzoor[aa] described the marvelous spiritual changes that take place among the Ahmadīs after taking the pledge.

The beautiful, appealing and explanatory manner, in which Huzoor[aa] has described these conditions of Bai'at with illustrations from the practical examples from the lives of the Sahaba[ra], is a source of reviving our faith and strengthening the commitment that we all have pledged to. May Allāh enable us to act upon

the conditions of Bai'at in the true and complete manner. Amīn.

This book's English translation was published first in UK in 2005 and then in 2006 with the additional three sermons. The book has a total of 277 pages.

The Blessed Model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and the Caricatures

Truth and falsehood have always been in conflict with each other. The adversaries of Islām have been plotting against Islām, but by the Grace of Allāh, their schemes have always failed. A few years back, some factions under the guise of freedom of speech published indecent sketches, caricatures and cartoons in different books and newspapers; their purpose was to express their malice against Islām and Prophet Muhammad[sa] and to spread hatred against Islāmic countries. Some Muslim organizations and Islāmic countries reacted violently to this by burning and destroying properties.

As the true defender of faith, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] delivered five consecutive sermons (on February 10, 17, 24; March 3, and 10 in 2006) in Mosque Baitul Futūh, London, regarding these incidents. In the sermon of February 10, 2006, Huzoor[aa] discussed and reviewed the incidents in detail and explained the difference between the reaction of the Muslim world and what the actual reaction of a believer ought to be. Huzoor[aa] said that the authentic reaction of a believer should be to defend Islām and the Prophet Muhammad[sa]; and following the footsteps of the Promised Messiah[as] we have to portray the true model and character of the Holy Prophet[sa] to the world. The respect of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] cannot be established by burning flags; for that we have to transform our pain into prayers and recite Durud Sharif abundantly.

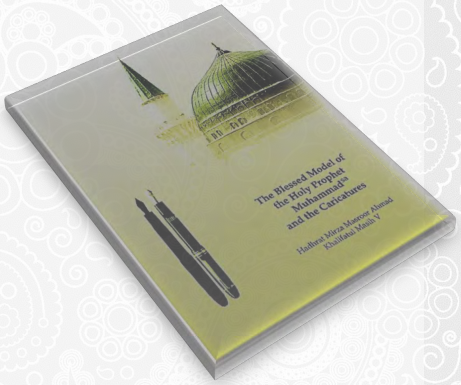
In the second sermon of this series delivered on February 17, 2006, Huzoor[aa] said that playing with the feelings of others is neither democracy nor freedom of thought. Huzoor[aa] advised and guided the Jamā'at about how to establish the grandeur of Islām and the honour of the Holy Prophet Muhmmad[sa]. The real purpose of the advent of Messiah is to establish the respect for Islām and the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] and the revival of Islām.

In the third sermon, delivered on February 24, 2006, Huzoor[aa] discussed the double standards of the Western world and newspapers. The true reason behind Muslim's discord and weakness is the disobedience of the Holy Prophet[sa] and the rejection of the Promised Messiah[as].

In the fourth sermon of March 3, 2006, Huzoor[aa] spoke about the false and groundless news published against Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in newspaper Jang, London and declared it as creating discord. He discussed the love that the Promised Messiah[as] had for the Holy Prophet[sa]. He also explained the status of the Holy Prophet[sa] in light of the Promised Messiah's[as] writings.

In the last sermon of this series, delivered on March 10, 2006, Huzoor[aa] said that the un-Islāmic actions of some groups of Muslims help the non-Muslims in attacking Islām. Huzoor[aa] mentioned the Islāmic teaching of good treatment of non-Muslims, the magnificent role model of the Holy Prophet[sa], his good values and religious tolerance in response to the oppression carried out by the adversaries of Islām. Huzoor[aa] established that Islām did not spread because of the sword but with the good examples and the teachings of freedom of thought and religion in Islām.

This book contains five Friday sermons, and has 111 pages. It was first published in 2006 in UK and the second edition was published in 2007.



A Response to the Pope's Remarks about Islām (Friday Sermon)

The Catholic Pope Benedict the XVI delivered a lecture in a university in Germany in which he accused that Islām has spread by force and the Muslim belief of Allāh's being is weak. Hazrat Amirul Mou'mineen[aa] refuted these allegations in the Friday Sermon of September 15, 2006 and said that the Pope has hurt the feelings of Muslims by associating wrong teachings in regards to the Holy Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet[sa]. Huzoor[aa] read some extracts from the blessed writings of the Promised Messiah[as] that depict the role model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and Islāmic teachings.

Addresses and Lectures on the Importance and Blessings of Khilāfat

On the topic of Khilāfat, four renowned addresses of Huzoor[aa] were published in UK in Urdu in 2009; the book consists of 110 pages. These included:

Message for the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamā'at

On the commemoration of 100 year Khilāfat Jubilee (1908-2008), a special message was delivered for the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamā'at which was published in English and Urdu. In this message Huzoor[aa] briefly mentioned the history of Ahmadiyyat, opposition by adversaries, establishment of Ahmadiyya Khilāfat and the signs of Allāh's support and succour. Allāh revealed the second manifestation in the form of Khilāfat at the death of the Promised Messiah[as]. Allāh's blessings and support was evident during the era of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra]. Under the Khilāfat of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra], Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was blessed with grandeur and it continued to strengthen despite the severe opposition. During the era of the third representative of the second manifestation, Hazrat Mirzā Nasir Ahmad[rh], Khalīfatul-Masīh III, even with the opposition at the state level and execution of cruel and discriminating laws against Ahmadīs, this caravan continued on the path of progress. Then during the period of fourth Khilāfat, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was blessed with successes and eminence. Allāh destroyed the ones who had claimed to "eliminate the cancer of Ahmadiyyat". Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] had to migrate from Pakistan, but that migration led to new destinations of success. Allāh's promise to the Promised Messiah[as], "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth" was fulfilled in such a manner that Huzoor's voice reached every house and those who had vowed to restrain the Khalīfa, ended up listening to his voice in their houses.

On the demise of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh], Allāh manifested His Omnipotence and gathered the Jamā'at on one hand and continued His blessings. In the end, Huzoor[aa] advised all Ahmadīs of the world that the solution to establish the mission of the Promised Messiah[as] in the world and to remain united lies in being associated with Khilāfat Ahmadiyya.

Address on the Occasion of 100 Years Khilāfat Jubilee

This address was delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] on May 28, 2008 from Guildhall Centre, London and was relayed all over the world through MTA. First of all Huzoor[aa] drew the attention of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya towards being grateful to Allāh who blessed the Jamā'at with the gift of Khilāfat. He further said that the history of Ahmadiyyat is full of the opposition of adversaries and the incidents of hatred and cruelty. Allāh granted steadfastness, courage and bravery to every Khalīfa; each one of them put his complete trust in Allāh and remained unaffected by the schemes of the adversaries and continued to give courage and comfort to the Jamā'at. At the passing

away of each Khalīfa, Allāh took care of the Jamā'at and strength was granted by the selection of the new Khalīfa. The era of the fifth Khalīfa is also a new chapter in the history of Ahmadiyyat. Entering the new century of Khilāfat will Insha'Allāh be a phase of Ahmadiyyat's advancement and victories. The advancement that has been associated with Khilāfat Ahmadiyya is a non-ending process and Allāh will continue to show the numerous blessings that result in staying connected to Khilāfat and they manifest themselves collectively as well as on individual members of Jamā'at. Allāh will give such individuals to the Jamā'at whose hearts will be infused with the love for Khilāfat and we see this happening every day.

With a few minor changes to the pledge taken by Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra] at the occasion of Khuddām Ijtimā' of 1959, Huzoor[aa] took the pledge of allegiance from all Ahmadī men and women around the world and then led them in fervent prayers.

Friday Sermon May 30, 2008

On May 30, 2008, Huzoor[aa] delivered the Friday Sermon from Baitul Futūh Mosque, London. About the completion of hundred years of Khilāfat on May 27, 2008 Huzoor[aa] said that most probably it is once in a lifetime experience. The first century of establishment of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was celebrated nineteen years ago in 1989. Huzoor said that the Khilāfat Jubilee Jalsa at London was the central Jalsa in which the total attendance was 18-19 thousands people. By the Grace of Allāh, that occasion revitalized everyone's faith and love and regard for Khilāfat was expressed. If there were any misunderstandings, they were cleared because of the blessings of the occasion. Today, it is the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah[as] that is holding the *Urwatil Wusqa* (unbreakable bond), and the guarantor of its permanence is Allāh Himself. Today, MTA is the channel that belongs to the servants of Masīh Muhammadi[as] (the Promised Messiah) and it is fulfilling the purpose of humanity's creation. In the end, Huzoor[aa] prayed that the change witnessed at the occasion of Khilāfat Jubilee should not be temporary and advised members to always remember their pledge and try to fulfill it. Then, Huzoor[aa] mentioned the good news that a place had been purchased for building a mosque and mission house in Italy on May 27, 2008.

Concluding Address Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) Germany 2008

In the concluding address of Annual Convention of Germany 2008, Huzoor[aa] elucidated the status of Khilāfat and said that Jamā'at Ahmadiyya is fortunate to have the blessing of Khilāfat, that is enabling them to propagate the teachings of Islām in the world. Muslim countries are faced with many challenges because their rulers are only concerned about their own comfort and gain, and the reason is their rejection of the Imam of the age. By the Grace of Allāh, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has been able to play an important role in propagating the beautiful teachings of Islām to distant places. MTA is also a great source of transmitting the message to all corners of the earth and many websites in various languages have also been developed. The treatment of Ahmadīs in Pakistan and Indonesia is temporary as the adversaries of Ahmadiyyat who are making Ahmadīs the target of their hatred, and are murdering them will not be able to face Allāh's wrath. The history of Ahmadiyyat affirms that whenever such obstacles were raised, Allāh Himself protected the Jamā'at. In fact, the efforts of enemies failed and Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was given strength and determination.

Other Published Sermons and Addresses

Exemplary Character of the Holy Prophet[sa]

In the Friday Sermon of February 23, 2007, Huzoor[aa] illustrated some glimpses from the exemplary life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] in response to some

indecent and offensive remarks made against him and Islāmic teachings, by a member of Parliament from Holland. Huzoor[aa]'s sermon was meant to challenge his propaganda and to warn him of Godly retribution that he may face because of attacking the pious personality of the Holy Prophet[sa].

Huzoor[aa] cited the examples of the Holy Prophet's[sa] high spiritual status, great attributes, compassion for mankind, mercy and kindness to the enemies, from the writings of the Promised Messiah[as].

This Member of Parliament from Holland, Geert Wilder, was born in a Catholic household and had made criticism on Islām before as well. He raised indecent allegations against our beloved Prophet[sa], who was mercy for all the worlds, and against the Holy Qur'ān, the Holy Book of Allāh. Huzoor[aa] reminded the Ahmadīs of their responsibility towards conveying the true picture of the beautiful role model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and tell the world that Islām does not teach terrorism; in fact it teaches to be kind, merciful and compassionate to women, children and elderly, even during the times of war.

It is the duty of Ahmadīs to disseminate the true teachings of Islām because some people (like Holland's MP) spread such indecent and obscene views about Islām which are not true. In fact, the sole purpose of such people is only to create unrest and discord in the world.

The written form of this sermon has 11 pages in Urdu and the English translation also consists of 11 pages.

Huzoor[aa]'s Address about the Matrimonial Life

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh's[aa] address to the ladies on the occasion of Jalsa Sālāna UK delivered on July 23, 2011 discussed the importance of the bond of marriage and contained detailed instructions on continuing it in the best manner possible. This address was later published by Lajna UK with the English translation in 2012. Urdu section has 30 and English translation has 32 pages.

Huzoor[aa] recited verses from three different Sūrahs commonly read at the occasion of Nikah and explained that these verses contain very important information for both men and women on how to continue this relationship. These verses mention Taqwa (righteousness) five times. It is the duty of parents to not only respect and honor the close relationships but also to teach their importance to their children. Huzoor[aa] said that marital problems often affect the children and the misunderstandings ultimately end up in separation or divorce. Taqwa (righteousness), openness, truthfulness, mutual understanding and trust carry great value in the matrimonial matters. Huzoor[aa] explained the importance of this relationship according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and Islām. In conclusion, Huzoor[aa] stated that the reason for increase in the rate of separation and divorce is impatience, lack of piety and righteousness. Huzoor[aa] said that much effort is needed to overcome such shortcomings. May Allāh enable us all to lead our lives with piety and righteousness, Amīn.

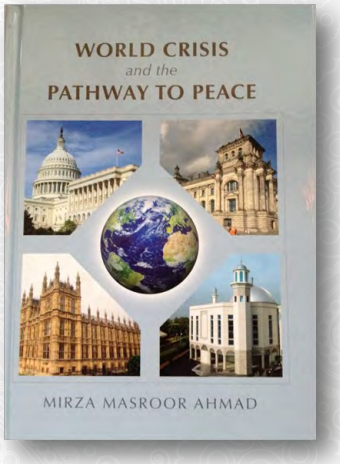
True Love for the Holy Prophet[sa]: (Friday Sermon September 21, 2012, Baitul Futūh)

Huzoor[aa] expressed his sorrow and anguish at the obscene, indecent and unjustified action of adversaries of Islām in making a disrespectful film, and cartoons in France on the Holy Prophet[sa]. Huzoor[aa] said although all the Muslims of the world have been offended with this, but we Ahmadīs have been hurt the most, because we are the ones who believe in the perfect follower and devotee of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] (the Promised Messiah[as]) who has made us recognize the grandeur of the Holy Prophet[sa]'s stature. In this context, it becomes the responsibility of Ahmadīs that they draw the attention of the government officials in their respective countries to stop this obscenity, make them aware of the facts behind this conspiracy and show them the beautiful aspects of the personality of the Holy Prophet[sa]. We can do this by adopting the noble role model of the Holy Prophet[sa] and by practically manifesting the

teachings of Islām. In this sermon, Huzoor[aa] taught Jamā'at Ahmadiyya to express their sorrow and grief in the proper manner, which would establish and demonstrate the grandeur and magnificence of the Holy Prophet[sa].

Islām is a Peaceful Religion

This lecture was delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], at the University D'abomey-Calavi Cotonou, Benin during his visit to Ghana, Burkino Faso, Benin and Nigeria. This lecture is in English language and consists of 12 pages. In this lecture Huzoor[aa] said that because anti-Islāmic factions have presented Islām as a violent and extremist religion; therefore, it becomes necessary for us to explain the peaceful Islāmic teachings that encompass every aspect of life and to demonstrate them practically. The lecture presents facts, arguments and incidents from the life of the Holy Prophet[sa] in response to the false propaganda and depiction of Islām. Huzoor[aa] elaborated that the allegations that Islām was spread by means of sword are wrong; and to counter these views, we must promote the teachings of Islām about the conduct in battles. These teachings instruct not to cross the limits, not to hurt women, children and the elderly, and not to kill animals or cut trees. Having awareness about these compassionate Islāmic teachings will demonstrate to the world that Islām is a peaceful religion. In fact Islāmic teachings regarding religious freedom and freedom of conscience/thought are best and complete.



World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace

This book is a compilation of six speeches and letters of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] to twelve great Heads of the States of the world on the topic pf peace. It has 198 pages and its first edition was published in UK in 2012; two other editions were also published in 2013.

If we review the current condition of the world, we will find unrest, discord and self-interest prevalent everywhere; in such circumstances spreading the message of Islām and peace is a great Jihad. Our beloved leader, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], as the messenger of peace, delivered the message of love and peace taught by Islām, at various prestigious events held all around the world. He preached to the people that only Islāmic teachings can reduce their restlessness and sorrow. Solution to the unrest, whether it is in society, city or the world can only be found by following the true Islāmic teachings. Furthermore, Huzoor[aa] also wrote letters to the influential Head of the States of the world to make them aware of true Islāmic teachings, and to draw their attention towards world problems and their solutions as offered by Islām.

The first speech of this series was delivered in the British Parliament, House of Commons, in London UK on October 22, 2008. The topic of the speech was "**Islāmic Perspective on the Global Crisis**" and was attended by many member of parliament (MPs) and dignitaries.

Huzoor[aa] delivered an address at Military Headquarters, Koblenz, Germany on May 30, 2012 on the topic of "**Islām's Teachings of Loyalty and Love for One's Nation**." Huzoor[aa] explained in detail the concept of loyalty and love for one's country and that disloyalty can prove harmful for one's country and nation. Huzoor[aa] emphasized that the government officials must keep the welfare of the country in mind. This event was attended by Brigadiers, Generals, Colonels and many high ranking officials of the German army and greatly benefitted from Huzoor's lecture.

Huzoor[aa] spoke on the topic of "**The Devastating Consequences of a Nuclear War and the**

Critical Need For Absolute Justice" in the Peace Symposium held at Baitul Futūh Mosque in London on March 24, 2012. The seminar was attended by more than 1000 people who included Government Ministers, Members of House of Commons and House of Lords, Mayor of London and many other dignitaries. The Peace Symposium was started as an annual event by Huzoor[aa] in 2004 with the purpose of making the world aware of Islāmic teachings related to world peace; warn them of the destruction and devastation of wars; and invite them to turn to God with humility and modesty as that is the only available option to save the world from destruction.

On June 27, 2012 a historical incident took place at Capitol Hill, Washington when Huzoor[aa] addressed the Congress members, ambassadors, religious leaders, professors, bureaucrats, dignitaries and journalists on the topic of "**The Path to Peace—Just Relations Between Nations**". Following the event, Huzoor[aa] was given a tour of the Capitol Hill building, before being escorted to the House of Representatives where a resolution was introduced in honour of his visit to the United States. Huzoor[aa] urged nations to work towards establishing justice in international relations for the sake of peace and security in the world. He explained Islāmic teachings in this regard. Huzoor[aa] said that richer nations should help the poor and the needy; wealthy countries should help poor countries to prosper and move forward; and make the developing countries realize their potential by teaching them to optimally use their resources, etc. Huzoor[aa] gave a reference from the Holy Qur'ān, which states that when two nations are about to engage in warfare with each other, a third nation should act as mediator and assist them in finding a solution with mutual agreement, to avoid wars and promote peace.

Huzoor[aa] made the historic address to the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium on December 4, 2012 on the topic, **"The Key to Peace—Global Unity"**. The event was attended by over 350 representatives from 30 countries of the world. Huzoor[aa] mentioned the teachings of peace and love introduced by the Holy Prophet[sa], which had since long been forgotten by majority of the Muslims — to rejuvenate those teachings Allāh sent the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, the Promised Messiah[as] whose advent was prophesied by the Holy Prophet[sa] himself. In the beginning Huzoor[aa] talked about the current state of the world – Huzoor[aa] said that disorder and chaos is prevalent everywhere and its major cause is international economic conditions. Huzoor[aa] described that a true Muslim is one, from whose tongue and hands others remain safe. If Islāmic teachings are followed at all levels of society including local to national to international, religious intolerance can be contained as everyone will look after the others' feelings and rights.

Another key principle for universal peace is to not display any form of arrogance or conceit. The Holy Prophet[sa] has said a black person is not superior to a white person and nor is a white person superior to a black person. Differences of nationality, colour or ethnicity are merely a form of identity and recognition. Any type of injustice towards anyone's rights is unacceptable. After these details, Huzoor[aa] explained that despite having the best teachings in the religion of Islām, the Muslim world is experiencing disorder because they have forgotten these teachings. Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is striving to convey these true teachings to the world so that long lasting peace can be established world wide. Amīn!

"Can Muslims Integrate into Western Societies" was the topic of Huzoor's[aa] address delivered at Baitur Rasheed Mosque in Hamburg, Germany in 2012. In his address Huzoor[aa] said that true Islām protects from "bad deeds" and leads one to virtue. The distinction of Islām is that it instructs Muslims to adopt every good deed wherever they find it-- that is why Muslims can live in any society and benefit it. People of different nationalities residing in any country can become the ambassadors of peace if they learn to respect each other's feelings.

Letters to the World Leaders

In 2011 and 2012 Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] wrote letters to the following 12 world leaders:

1. Letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict the XVI (October 31, 2011)
2. Letter to the Prime Minister of Israel (February 26, 2012)
3. Letter to the President of Islāmic Republic of Iran (March 7, 2012)
4. Letter to the President of the United States of America (March 8, 2012)
5. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada (March 8, 2012)
6. Letter to the Custodian of the two holy places the King of Saudi Arabia (March 28, 2012)
7. Letter to the Premier of the People's Republic of China (April 9, 2012)
8. Letter to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (April 15, 2012)
9. Letter to the Chancellor of Germany (April 15, 2012)
10. Letter to the President of the French Republic (May 16, 2012)
11. Letter to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Realms (April 19, 2012)
12. Letter to the Supreme Leader of Islāmic Republic of Iran (May 14, 2012)

In these letters Huzoor[aa] gave each beneficiary comprehensive suggestions according to the circumstances of their countries – he also courageously conveyed Islāmic teachings that would prove helpful in the establishment of world peace. This great task was made possible because of the blessing of Khilāfat.

In his letter to the President of United States of America, Huzoor[aa] clearly wrote that the circumstances of the world are leading towards the third world war. Huzoor[aa] elucidated that rather than focusing on the progress of the world, more importance should be given to saving the world from destruction. The only guarantee for the survival of humanity is by recognizing our God and turning to Him for help. May the prayers and valuable instructions of Huzoor[aa] save the world from continuing on the path of destruction and may the leaders of the world take heed of Huzoor[aa]'s advice and adopt the path of justice and humility. Amīn!

Mash`al Rah

Allāh appointed the Promised Messiah[as] to rejuvenate Islām in today's era. After his death He showed the second manifestation in the form of Khilāfat, so the spiritual progress continues. The community who has the blessing of Khilāfat is behind a protective shield because it has the prayers and love of their Khalīfa. It is the Divine practice that when one Khalīfa departs from the world, Allāh's Omnipotence and Mercy embraces the Jamā'at and changes the condition of grief to satisfaction and comfort by appointing a new Khalīfa. The guidance of Khulāfa' is the path to progress for Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and success is associated with the obedience of Khilāfat.

Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Pakistan has started the task of compiling the collection of sayings and instructions about organizational, training, moral and spiritual betterment of Khuddām, delivered by various Khulāfa' in a book form.

Volume 1 comprises of sayings of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd[ra]; Volume 2 consists of sayings and instructions of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[rh]; whereas Volume 3 contains the addresses of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh]. Volume 4 is the collection of sayings of the Promised Messiah[as] and the Khulāfa' for Atfālul Ahmadiyya.

Volume 5 (Part 1) is a new endeavour consisting of the instructions and addresses of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa from the beginning of Huzooraa's Khilāfat to April 30, 2004. It has a total of 203 pages and was published in July 2004. This volume includes the historical address of April 22, 2003 and the special message to the members of Jamā'at delivered on May, 11 2003.

Volume 5 (Part 2) consists of 203 pages and was published in March 2006. This volume has the instructions and sayings of Huzooraa from May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005; it also has an appendix containing the addresses that were to be included in Part 1 but were not available at that time.

Volume 5 (Part 3) is a collection of sayings of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa from May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006. It includes Huzoor's published addresses and meeting reports of Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya. This part has 125 pages.

Volume 5 (Part 4) includes the sayings and instructions from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007; it was published in 2007 and has 200 pages.

Alazhaaruz Zawaat Alkhumar: Orhni Waliyon Kay Liye Phool

Vol 3, Part 1

We are fortunate that Allāh bestowed the blessing of Khliafat upon Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. The instructions and directions of the Khulāfa' are valuable guidelines for us; they save us from all mischievous satanic attacks and guide appropriately according to the prevalent circumstances.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IIra's addresses to women were compiled in a book form with the title *Alalazhar Azwatul Khumar: Orhni Waliyon Kay Liye Phool*, under the supervision of Hazrat Sayyeda Mariam Siddiqua Sāhiba (Choti Aapa); thus a valuable treasure was preserved.

Today Jamā'at Ahmadiyya is progressing on the path of success under the leadership of its fifth Khalīfa Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. Lajna Imā'illah Pakistan has collected Huzoor'saa addresses to Ahmadī women delivered during the period 2003-2005 into a book form and published them in May 2008 under the title *Khutabat Alazhar Azwatul Khumar: Orhni Waliyon Kay Liye Phool Volume 3, Part 1*.

It includes the addresses delivered at Jalsa Sālānas of UK, Germany, Holland, Canada, Switzerland, France, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Sweden, Mauritius, Qādiān and Ijtimā' of Lajna UK; it also includes some Friday Sermons that are specifically about women. This 372 page book contains the golden advices of Huzooraa.

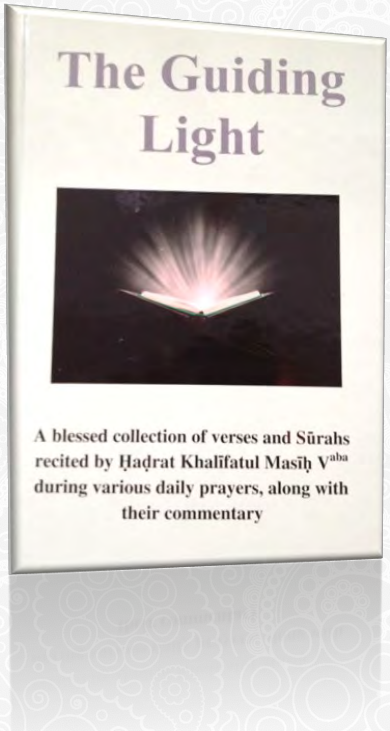
Vol 3, Part 2

This book was also published by Lajna Imā'illah Pakistan in 2009 and includes Huzooraa's addresses from 2006 — 2007. In addition to the addresses delivered at Jalsa Sālāna of UK, and Australia, and Ijtimā'at of Lajna Imā'illah of Germany and UK, it contains Huzooraa's Friday sermons on the following topics:

- High standards of financial sacrifice,
- Commandments about Purdah, and essence of Purdah,
- Women and calling towards Allāh,
- Claim of the Promised Messiahas,
- Importance of system of Jamā'at,
- Prayers for children,
- Strengthening of relationships,
- Allegations against the beautiful teachings of Islām,
- Paying chanda (donations),
- Woman as the guardian/supervisor of the house,
- Etiquette of mosques,
- Consideration for the surrounding environment,
- Women should not indulge in showing off,
- Women should observe silence in Jamā'at programs, and rights of women.

The Guiding Light

This book is a collection of verses and Sūrahs recited by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] during various daily prayers, along with their commentary. It was published in UK in 2012 and has been compiled together by Professor Amtul Razzaq Carmichael and it has 587 pages. The list of the Tilawat (recitation) schedule of Huzoor[aa] is taken from a report published in Al-Fazl. The book is in English and the translation of the Qur'ānic verses is taken from the translation by Maulawi Sher Ali[ra], revised edition of 2004. To properly comprehend the translation and explanation, commentary of the Holy Qur'ān has been added from the Five Volume Commentary.



The Promised Messiah[as] came to revive Islām and the Qur'ānic teachings. He laid great emphasis on following the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and said: "Those who honor the Qur'ān will be honored in heaven". Similarly, every Khalīfa has always urged the Jamā'at to understand and follow the teachings of Holy Qur'ān. For this reason, the Darsul Qur'ān (exposition on the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān) has always continued. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III[rh] and IV[rh] used to recite certain verses of certain chapters during the Salat. Similarly, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] generally recites a certain set of verses and chapters of the Holy Qur'ān while leading daily congregational prayers. The Khulāfa' of the Promised Messiah[as] choose these verses during their blessed period, in accordance with the wishes of Allāh and to address the needs and demands of the time. Therefore, reciting them in Salat is a source of blessing for us.

All these selected verses and chapters have been collected in the form of a chart. English translation and brief commentary has made it easier to understand the meaning and content. The importance and significance of chapters is described with the help of the Promised Messiah[as]'s Tafsirul Qur'ān (commentary of the Holy Qur'ān), Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I[ra]'s Haqaiqul Qur'ān (facts of the Holy Qur'ān) and Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra]'s Tafsir Kabir. In the end of every part, an exercise has been added for better understanding; thus it is a beneficial book.

May Allāh, the Exalted, enable us to pay heed to the instructions and advices of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]. Amīn.

Section
No. 9

Walking through the Isle

In their own words – Writer's Experiences

A Brief Review

In this section:

- *A Few Words from the Contributors of the Special Issue—The Journey I made, the Road I Travelled!*
- *Poems*
- *A Brief Review of the First Ten Blessed Years of Khilāfat Khāmisah in a Question & Answer Format*

A Few Words from the Contributors of the Special Issue

"The journey I made, the road I travelled!"

Compiled by: Dr. Amtul Qudoos Farhat, National Secretary Ishā'at

In this section we have included some of the thoughts and experiences which our writers had whilst they worked on the topics assigned to them. They are being shared for all Lajna Imā'illah Canada members to highlight how truly blessed we are to be a part of a unique sisterhood which has no geographical, cultural, linguistic or age-defined borders. Apart from the writers' personal memoirs, they have given us valuable prayers and immeasurable appreciation. Although we have not included these in the comments below, we are thankful to everybody from the bottom of our hearts. We have also kept note of all the valuable suggestions you have made and I assure you that every piece of your advice will be incorporated where and when it is necessary in the future. Insha'Allāh! Once again JazakAllāh! And Happy Reading!

"Line by line, line by line, A little here, a little there."
(Isaiah 28:10)
The above reference is from the Old Testament and is a prophecy regarding the gradual revelation of the Holy Qur'ān. This verse also illustrates exactly how I completed my article. —Sadaf Shah

Dr. Alia Ismat Raheem, Newfoundland

It was a very educating experience for me. But I think you did a very good job by guiding us. I felt as if I just had to fill in the blanks. I also felt connected to the Markaz, living far away on an island. I think it is an honour and blessing for me to be part of this process.

Amatul Basit, Ajax, Durham

Since I am not an established writer; going through this experience has created within me a strong desire to write more on other interesting subjects. Very interesting research experience, I felt more enthusiastic and assertive as I went on. It was a great source of enhancing my personal knowledge and a driving force to dig deep into the topic. Masha'Allāh, we mostly had required information easily available from our Jamā'at online sources. Many times during this process, my thoughts and prayers diverted towards the tremendous hard work our Jamā'at scholars have done in the past. They used to spend weeks and months sitting in the libraries for research work and sometimes had to travel for miles to reach out the knowledge sources.

During the research journey of the article I was working on, I realized that this is a vast topic and a book on the "History of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya" might be written including an up to date directory of the Jāmi'a Graduates.

As the research and article approached to its completion; I felt a strong sense of satisfaction which immediately melted my heart. I was indebted with thankfulness to my Allāh, Who enabled me to take on and complete this job.

To find references on various topics from the online "Daily Al Fadl, Rabwah" was a challenge. I would suggest Al Fadl, Rabwah to create an yearly Archive Index just like "Weekly Al Fadl, London", where any topic could be searched online easily under different archived sections. I offer my very humble services to dear Huzoor[aa] and Al Fazal, Rabwah in this regards.

Amtul Rafiq Tahira, Peace Village

A wonderful experience! Although I have written many articles and speeches but this time I passed through a unique experience. I was very much impressed by the wisdom and depth of Huzoor's[aa] message delivered through sermons and addresses. Huzoor[aa] delivered addresses to the top leaders of the world in their own 'homes.' Not only this, Huzoor[aa] wrote letters to the religious and world leaders; told them the pathways to peace; and warned them of the consequences of the crisis the world is in. Huzoor[aa] further advised that the only solution to all these problems is the acceptance of the reformer of the time, the Promised Messiah and Mahdī[as], which will save the world from destruction. Huzoor[aa] conveyed this strong message with courage and bravery. All these addresses were highly appreciated by the world scholars and other dignitaries. This is really the need of the time that is addressed in an excellent way, Alhamdulillah! Prayers were pouring from my heart by reading the comments and the impression people expressed after listening to Huzoor's[aa] addresses.

Anam Jamshad, Saskatoon South

Working on the assigned article was a very good research experience and I am very glad and blessed to be a part of this. I worked on 'The Translations of the Holy Qur'ān' article.

Asma Chaudhry, Calgary West

I realized that God has been with our Khalīfa, the Ahmadiyya Community and Ahmadīs all over the world in every step that has been taken for the service of mankind. The blessed Khilāfat is the reason that Ahmadīs have been fortunate enough to excel in areas of science, humanitarian service, research, community development, education and much more, all the while remaining strongly tied to our faith and the practice of Islām.

When I began research for the article assigned to me, I quickly realized that it would not be an easy task. Gathering information and statistics was difficult at times due to a deficiency in detail and consolidated information, but it was heartwarming to realize the depth and variance in activities over the last decade.

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Dr. Fozia Zakaria, Edmonton (Regional President Prairie Region)

Since the recent visit of Huzoor[aa] to Vancouver and Calgary and receiving Huzoor's[aa] instructions that we should contribute in research, it was a strong desire of mine to establish a research team for Prairie Region. This desire was shared among us at an annual refresher course and a team was established. Allāh, the Almighty fulfilled this desire in a very blessed way by providing the opportunity to Prairie Region to conduct research in this historical issue of An-Nisaa' under the guidance of our Beloved Imām. By the Grace of Allāh, the Prairie region was assigned four topics and all the team members were very dedicated and, despite being spread all over the Prairies, they solidly researched extensively, resulting in a solid research articles. Working on these articles strengthened our bond with Khilāfat. Overall, we all enjoyed working on the research and it was a great learning experience. Our knowledge as well as research skills were improved tremendously. I have been blessed with a great team for future research opportunities.

Madiha Mussawar, Regina

It provided me the opportunity to learn about the biggest mosques (Baitul Nasr, Oslo, Norway) in Scandinavia and first mosque (Mahdī Mosque) in Jamaica. I also learned about mosques built in other years along with my search for 2011. Last but not least, I wish and pray that May Allāh grant a mosque to Regina Jamā'at also. Amīn!

Naeema Mubashar, Edmonton

This opportunity to research the events of the peace symposiums in detail while composing the special edition

of An-Nisaa' strengthened our faith even more. We were able to see the impact of Huzoor[aa]'s words on non-Muslims as well as obtained the benefit to self-reflect on our weaknesses.

Dr. Naureen Sohail, Newmarket

Researching and writing for this project was such an enriching experience for me. Every step of the way, I felt extremely blessed that we have a Khalīfa who with his wisdom and vision is leading us in the 21st century. May Allāh make us the *Qurratul Aiyunin* (light of the eyes) of our beloved Imām. (May Allāh be his Helper) Amīn!

Naiela Anwar, Saskatoon South

It was a very educational experience, as I was able to see all the resources provided by our Jamā'at to people all over the world, and was glad to know that language is no longer a barrier to people receiving the 'Word of Allāh.'

Naima Iqbal, Brampton Flowertown

It was an emotional journey for me. When I was reading Friday Sermons of Huzoor[aa] and articles from other magazines regarding the incidents of May 28, 2010, I felt the pain as if it had happened that day, and all of those who were effected in any way were my relatives. I feel fortunate and blessed that I was given this opportunity to be part of this blessed issue of An-Nisaa'.

Sadaf Shah, Bradford

"Line by line, line by line, A little here, a little there." (Isaiah 28:10)

The above reference is from the Old Testament of the Bible and is a prophecy regarding the gradual revelation of the Holy Qur'ān. This verse also illustrates exactly how I completed my article. With two young children, and two older ones, competing priorities meant a delicate balance (often times an imbalance!) between choosing what needs to be done and what has to be abandoned. My article was literally written during nap times and late nights. It was stressful and at the same time, extremely rewarding.

Stressful because I was constantly thinking about what I wanted to write, but not getting enough time to sit down with my laptop to physically write. It was all in my head, longing to come out! And rewarding because it was an intellectual journey that brought with it many lessons along the way. I remember reading a long time ago that the Promised Messiah[as] wanted the window of his house to open into every Ahmadī's home so that he could have direct contact with all Ahmadīs. What I learned while researching for my article was that MTA is that 'window'! This I had never realized before, but it makes so much sense now. We are blessed to be living in an era when such signs of the truth of the Promised Messiah[as] are manifested. And we are blessed with Khilāfat as a manifestation of the truth of Ahmadiyyat.

Sheila Malik, Vaughan

When I started this research, I realized that I would need to translate the Al Fadl report. Since I cannot read Urdu, I needed to arrange time with my cousin. I enjoyed listening to the whole report so much. I felt as if I was there with my beloved Huzoor[aa]!

Seema Chowdhury, Maple

I feel blessed and honoured, as I got this opportunity to contribute for the special edition of An-Nisaa'. Although it was brief, but it was certainly a memorable and an inspiring journey for me. I relived those blessed moments of Jalsa Salāna USA & Canada 2012. It was like a refresher course that revived my mind, body and soul. When I started my research and collecting information I had mixed feelings, I was overwhelmed with emotions. At times I felt excited and grateful and at other times concerned and stressed. I was not sure where to start from, what to write and how much to write. But these mixed

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feelings eventually helped me to go through this journey with ease. It motivated me to write creatively and meet the deadline. I learned a lot and got another chance to listen, read and re-read all the instructions and advice that our beloved Huzoor[aa] has given us. The more I read and heard Huzoor[aa]'s voice and his sermons, the more I understood them better. I realized that these are the guiding light and the words of wisdom and inspiration that we can follow to gain the pleasure of the Gracious God, in this world and hereafter.

Shazia Rehman, Regina

The work itself was personally fulfilling as each person working learned so much more than could be submitted in the article, gaining new appreciation for their subject.

Syeeda Basit, Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace

The research process was very time consuming and required a lot of attention to detail, but overall was a valuable experience that has helped me grow my knowledge further and has taught me a lot of new things.

Sumaira Qurban, Tahira Kamran, and Amtul Qayyum Shafiq, Saskatoon North

We are thankful to Allāh Almighty who chose us for this blessed work. It is honour for us to assist in research for this special edition on the topic, "The Translations of the Holy Qur'ān." During this work, we obtained a lot of information, and we learned about different languages and countries.

Mohsina Islam, Brampton

Working on the article "Unparalleled Sacrifices of the Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat" was a fascinating experience. Not only did I get to network with intelligent and talented Lajna members but by doing research I also got to read many inspiring stories about Ahmadī Muslims who gave the ultimate sacrifice—martyrdom—without any hesitation. Although the details surrounding their martyrdoms often brought tears to my eyes, I found comfort in Huzoor's[aa] words: "They demonstrated to the world that while they have attained the pleasure of God they have also become a source that shall flourish faith. Every single drop of their spilt blood will bear great fruits." (Insha'Allāh!)

Zara Rana and Salmana Rajput, Montreal East

We were amazed at the vast amount of material, knowledge, and resources available to us through the Alislam.org website. The more we advanced in our research, the quicker we realized how little we knew about our Jamā'at's websites! In fact, several times we hesitated on what information to include in our article and what to leave out as there was so much. The opportunity that this experience gave us to learn and share is undoubtedly what we value the most. We might have never undertaken the steps to find out what treasures our Jamā'at websites hold if we had not been assigned to take part in this project.

Amtul Qudoos Qudsia, Vaughan East

The topic I was given is very close to my heart , I always feel that my feelings are the same as the very first day when all of us saw the Lahore incident, when we lost many, many loved ones on that dreadful day.

I wrote one poem, writing a poem is not a difficult task for me, sometime I can even write while sitting on a stage; however this particular poem took three years to complete. Salam (peace) to all the families of Shuhadas including my Bhabi Jan Shahida Shakoor Sahiba, like many others she lost her son but never said a word nor was upset; Salam to all mothers, who faced the loss of grown up children, with a smile and love of Jamā'at and Khilāfat. May Allāh prosper this Jamā'at. Amīn!

Sumaira Khalid Sharma

I felt very blessed and honoured to be given this opportunity. Throughout the research phase, Nasia Baji, my team members and myself, all were praying that may Allāh enable us to fulfill this task up to the full satisfaction of our beloved and respected Huzoor[aa]. Amīn. Huzoor[aa]'s visits to worldwide parliaments to convey the message of Islām and peace was a source of enhancing my faith and confirmation that Huzoor[aa] is not an ordinary man but a "Man of God" given the task to revive the true teachings of Islām worldwide and that Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at is not an ordinary Jamā'at but a very blessed Jamā'at of Allāh. Your kind guidance and sincere efforts of all the team members helped us immensely in completing this task od conducting research to be published in An-Nisaa' special edition.

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As Waqf, we obey our Khalīfa

We are with you O' Masroor, We will obey our beloved Huzoor[aa].

Our Bai'at refreshed we strive each year, with firm faith, no grief, no fear.

Blind oppressors may take our breath, Shahaddat will heighten our faith.

We hear your words on MTA, taqwa, purity, steadfast you say.

Your soldiers armed with the Qur'ān, write for the victory of Islām.

We serve the Ambassador of Peace, build mosques to win all hearts with ease.

We are with you O' Masroor, We will obey our beloved Huzoor[aa].

By: A humble servant of Ahmadiyyat (Sheila Malik)

The Man of Faith and Hope

This poem is written for Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]

He is generous, brave, modest and kind
He is the man of faith and a blessing for humankind

He is hardworking, versatile, witty and nice
And has abundance of knowledge and is wise

He is a special messenger of the All-knowing God
Who conveys us the message of the Gracious Lord

He shows us the pathway of heaven above
And his sermons are full of truth, care and love

His life is a living example from we can learn
As he follows the Prophet[sa]'s steps with concern

He is competent, confident and very kind
And he shows us ways to attain peace of mind

He is sincere, excellent and an enthusiastic teacher
Who has a charismatic personality and a firm preacher

His lessons are full of clear ideas for all
That binds humankind in a religious call

We are lucky and grateful for things that he says
And for showing us how to sincerely offer Allāh's praise

And for bringing us messages of peace, faith and hope
And guiding us towards brilliant light of joy to cope

For he is our teacher, preacher and a shining star
Who spreads pearls of wisdoms from near and afar.

By: Seema Chowdhury

The First Decade of Fifth Khilāfat

Messiah is Here!

Khilāfat I value
I live for
I die for

The milestones
That are strong
And passionate

There were hopes
That I clung to
And was led forward

There were goals
That were created
Painted and coloured

There were bonds
That were made
That were cherished

There were victories
Where we reminisce
Where we succeed

The time, the period
That was perfect
And will be for forever

O my Lord! Guide them
The Messiah is here
And they don't know how to follow
For night descends on them
And they're blinded

O my Lord! Assure them
For destiny is knocking at their door
And they don't know how to answer
For there is wilderness all around
And they see no abode

O my Lord! Help them
For they can't dare
Except a few!
They still await
And are restless

O my Lord! Give refuge to them
Before the storm breaks out
And the waves begin to crash
For the Messiah is here
And they've lost the way

By: Faiza Ahmed Malik

A Brief Review

Khilāfat Khāmisah (2003 – 2013)

Let's see if you have retained any knowledge from the studying of this special issue!
Some questions/answers may have additional information which previously hasn't been shared, so it's worth a read!

Question: When was the election of the fifth Khilāfat held and who was elected as the Khalīfa?

Answer: The Khilāfat Electoral Board held their meeting on the night of April 22, 2003 after the Maghrib and Isha prayers at the Baitul Fazal Mosque in London. The announcement of the Khilāfat of Hazrat Sahibzadah Mirzā Masroor Ahmad Sahib[aa] was made at 11:40 PM GMT (which according to the time in Pakistan was 3:40 AM in the morning on April 23rd, 2003).

Question: When and where was Huzoor[aa] born? Furthermore, mention the name of his father and mother as well.

Answer: Huzoor[aa] was born on September 15, 1950 in Rabwah. His father's name is Hazrat Sahibzadah Mirzā Mansoor Ahmad Sāhib son of Hazrat Sahibzadah Mirzā Shareef Ahmad Sāhib and his mother's name is Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Beghum Sahiba daughter of Hazrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad Sāhib, Khalīfatul-Masīh II[ra].

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] get married and to whom?

Answer: Huzoor[aa] got married on January 31, 1977 to Hazrat Sayyidah Amtus Sabooh Beghum Sahiba daughter of Mukarram Sayed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Sāhib and Mohtarma Sahibzadi Amtul Hakeem Sahiba. The Walima ceremony was held on February 2nd.

Question: When and where did Huzoor[aa] go after dedicating his life?

Answer: Huzoor[aa] went to Ghana in August 1977 under the Nusrat Jahān scheme. In Ghana, Huzoor[aa] served as the Principal of Secondary School Salaga from 1977 to 1979 and then from 1979 to 1983 as the Principal of Secondary School Essakyir. From 1983 to 1985 Huzoor[aa] remained the manager of the Ahmadiyya Agriculture Farm in Tamale located in the northern part of Ghana. Huzoor[aa] is accredited with successfully growing wheat on Ghanaian soil for the first time in the nation's history. In 1985 he returned back to Pakistan.

Question: When was Huzoor[aa] appointed to the post of Nāzir A'lā and Amir Muqami?

Answer: He was appointed at this position on December 10, 1997 and remained on this post until being elected as the Khalīfa.

Question: Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] remained prisoner in the way of Allāh (Aseer Rahe Mola) during a trial, when did this happen?

Answer: Huzoor[aa] was taken in custody on April 30, 1999 and released on May 10, 1999.

Question: What message did Huzoor[aa] deliver in his very first address to the Jamā'at?

Answer: "Pray a lot, pray a lot, pray a lot."

Question: How many initiations took place at the

first Jalsa Salāna UK in the blessed term of Huzoor's Khilāfat?

Answer: This Jalsa Salāna took place from July 25 to 27, 2003 in Islāmabad, Tilford. 892,403 people from 229 nations belonging to 98 countries were initiated to Ahmadiyyat. The attendance at the Jalsa was around 25 thousand.

Question: When did Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] form the Tahir Foundation?

Answer: On July 26, 2003.

Question: What is the minimum level of education that, according to Huzoor's[aa], instructions Ahmadī students must acquire?

Answer: Till Grade 12 equivalent of Canadian education.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] commence his first tour abroad and when did he return?

Answer: Huzoor[aa] left London on August 19, 2003 and arrived at Germany on the 20th travelling via Belgium. He returned back to London from France on September 8th.

Question: Which countries did Huzoor[aa] visit during this tour?

Answer: Belgium, Germany, Holland, and France.

Question: When was Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Canada inaugurated?

Answer: September 7, 2003 in Mississauga, Canada.

Question: When and who laid the foundation stone of the largest mosuqe (Baitul Futūh) of Western Europe?

Answer: Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV[rh] laid the foundation stone of Baitul Futūh on October 19t 1999 in London with a brick from Masjid Mubarak, Qādiān.

Question: When was "Baitul Futūh" inaugurated?

Answer: Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] inaugurated Masjid Baitul Futūh on October 3rd, 2003 with Friday Prayers.

Question: When was the Technical Training Institute Rabwah (Darul Sanaa Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya Pakistan) founded?

Answer: It was founded on February 5, 2004.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] make his first tour of West Africa and how long was the duration of visit?

Answer: From March 13, 2004 to April 13, 2004, a month

Question: Which countries did Huzoor[aa] visit in this tour?

Answer: Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin, and Nigeria.

Question: In this tour, which countries were sanctified by the blessed presence of a Khalīfatul-Masīh for the first time?

Answer: Burkina Faso and Benin.

Question: When was MTA-2 initiated?

Answer: April 22, 2004.

Question: When did Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa] first tour of Canada begin and when did it end?

Answer: June 21st to July 5, 2004.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] commence the fifth Register (Daftar Panjam) of Tahrīk Jadīd?

Answer: On November 5, 2004.

Question: What was the target of Mūsiān (to be inducted into Nizām Wasiyyat) set by Huzoor[aa] until 2008?

Answer: 50% of the total number of Chanda-paying members.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] make his first tour of Spain?

Answer: From January 1, 2005 to January 16, 2005.

Question: In which city of Spain did Huzoor[aa] initiate

the scheme to build a second mosque?

Answer: In Spain's city of Valencia.

Question: When and where was the foundation of the Tahir Homeopathy Hospital laid?

Answer: April 17, 2005 in Rabwah.

Question: Which building is called, "Noorul 'Ain, Daairatul Khidmatul Insaaniyah"?

Answer: Jamā'at's first Eye Bank and Blood Bank.

Question: What was the duration of Huzoor's[aa] first tour of East Africa?

Answer: It was a month from April 26, 2005 to May 25, 2005.

Question: Which countries of East Africa did Huzoor[aa] visit?

Answer: Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK?

Answer: October 1, 2005.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] first visit Qādiān after becoming Khalīfa?

Answer: December 15, 2005

Question: When was Huzoor[aa] first tour of the Far East and when did it end?

Answer: From April 4, 2006 to May 15, 2006.

Question: Which countries did Huzoor[aa] visit in the Far East?

Answer: Singapore, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Japan.

Question: When was Huzoor's[aa] sermon broadcasted live from the corner of the world (Fiji)?

Answer: April 28, 2006.

Question: Which Ahmadiyya channel did Huzoor[aa] initiate on March 23, 2007?

Answer: MTA3 Al-Arabiyyah.

Question: How many countries' Jalsa Salānas did Huzoor[aa] attend from January to August of 2008?

Answer: 7 countries (Ghana, Benin, Nigeria, America, Canada, Great Britain, and Germany)

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] tour Ghana?

Answer: April 15 to 22, 2008.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] travel from Ghana to Nigeria and which airline did he embark upon?

Answer: April 22, 2008. Aero Contractor, flight AJ564.

Question: On which date did Huzoor[aa] reach Benin?

Answer: April 23, 2008.

Question: What announcement was made by the Government of Benin on their National TV and Radio stations on April 13?

Answer: The Minister of Information and Broadcasting declared that the Government officially states that the Ahmadiyya Community's Worldwide Head is arriving in Benin on April 23rd and will be recognized as a Guest of the State.

Question: On April 24th, Benin's President had the honour of meeting Huzoor[aa]. What is the President's name?

Answer: Honourable Thomas Yayi Boui.

Question: During his tour of Nigeria, Huzoor[aa] inaugurated the new Jalsa Gah. State the name of the Jalsa Gah and the date of inauguration.

Answer: Hadeeqa Ahmad. May, 2 2008

Question: When was the 100th centenary of Khalīfat commemorated?

Answer: On the completion of 100 years of Khilāfat in 2008.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Baitus Sami' Mosque in Hannover, Germany?

Answer: August, 16 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Jāmi'a Ahmadiya Germany?

Answer: August 20, 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] first visit America?

Answer: June 2008

Question: On June, 24 2008 when Huzoor[aa] left from Washington to Toronto which flight did he take and what was written on the boarding pass?

Answer: Continental Airlines; the boarding card had the logo of the 100 year Khalīfat centenary logo as well as an image of Minaratul Masīh. The boarding pass also had "Khilāfat Flight", "Ahmadiyya Community", and "Khilāfat Centenary Celebrations" written on it.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] go to Holland for Jalsa Salāna?

Answer: October, 11 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Khadija Mosque (Berlin, Germany)?

Answer: October, 17 2008

Question: At the inauguration of Bait Khadija, how many representatives from the media were present and which countries were they from?

Answer: 8 representatives from 8 countries. Japan, Czech Republic, Poland, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, France and Sweden.

Question: How many T.V channels covered the inauguration of Bait Khadija?

Answer: 9 channels

Question: When did the British Parliament hold an event in honour of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa]?

Answer: October 28, 2008, on celebration of 100 years of Khilāfat

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Baitul Mahdī in Bradford, England?

Answer: November 7, 2008

Question: When was Baitul 'Afiyat in Sheffield, England inaugurated?

Answer: November, 8 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] visit India?

Answer: November and December 2008 (In this tour Huzoor[aa] was not able to visit Qādiān due to unfavorable conditions in the country; he shortened his visit and returned to Britain earlier).

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] do an internal tour of England?

Answer: November 5 to November 9th of 2008.

Question: Which areas did Huzoor[aa] visit?

Answer: Scunthrope, Bradford, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Leamington.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Bait Hadi in Chennai, India?

Answer: November, 24 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Baitul Qudoos in Kirala, India?

Answer: November, 25 2008

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate the 5 Mosques of Kirala, India? What are their names?

Answer: November, 28 2008. The names of the mosques are: Bait Umar, Baitul 'Afiyat, Baitul Huda, Bait Mahmood, Bait Nasir.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] return to England from India?

Answer: December, 5 2008

Question: In 2009, which European countries did Huzoor[aa] tour?

Answer: Belgium, Germany, Holland

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] lay down the foundation stone for Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya Germany in Riedstadat?

Answer: December 15, 2009.

Question: In March of 2010, which European countries did Huzoor[aa] tour?

Answer: France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland.

Question: When was the Friday sermon of Huzoora[aa] first broadcasted from Italy?

Answer: April 16, 2010.

Question: When and where did Huzoor[aa] go to see the shroud of Jesus[as]?

Answer: Huzoor[aa] went to Turin, Italy on April 30, 2010.

Question: During Huzoor's[aa] tour of Spain, which Mosque did he lay the foundation stone for and when?

Answer: On April 11, 2010 Huzoor[aa] laid the foundation stone for Baitur Rahman mosque in Valencia.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate Baitul Ahad in Newham, East London?

Answer: May, 8 2010

Question: During Huzoor's[aa] tour of Germany, under the "100 Mosque scheme", Huzoor[aa] inaugurated the 29th mosque in Mannheim. What is the name of the mosque and when was it inaugurated?

Answer: June 24, 2010. Bait Ihsaan

Question: Which three famous places did Huzoor[aa] visit during his tour of Ireland?

Answer: 1- The castles of Kylemore. 2- The Victorian Walled Gardens. 3- The Cliffs of Moher.

Question: When was the foundation stone of the first mosque in Ireland laid and by whom?

Answer: The foundation stone of first Ahmadiyya mosque "Bait Maryam" was laid by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad[aa] on Friday September 17, 2010 in Galway city.

Question: Which title did the Prime Minister of Canada give to Huzoor[aa]?

Answer: Champion of Peace.

Question: On Saturday, June 18, 2011 which newly built mosque was inaugurated by Huzoor[aa] in the city of Ginsheim, Germany?

Answer: Baitul Ghufoor.

Question: Which mosque did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate in Swlingenstadt, Germany on June 19, 2011?

Answer: Baitul Hadi.

Question: When did Huzoor's[aa] mother, Hazrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sahiba pass away? And where was she buried?

Answer: She passed away on July 29, 2011, and was buried in Bahishti Maqbara in Rabwah.

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] travel to the Norwegian parliament? And when did the President of the Norwegian parliament, Mr. Terje Anderson meet Huzoor[aa]?

Answer: September 27, 2011

Question: When did Huzoor[aa] inaugurate the first mosque in Norway? And what is the name of that mosque?

Answer: On September 30, 2011 and its name is Bait Nasr in Oslo.

Question: When did the meeting between Mr. Jolyn Martyn Clark, the great-grandson of Henry Martyn Clarke, and Huzoor[aa] take place?

Answer: December 3, 2011

Question: Who were the important people to whom Huzoor sent letters for bringing their attention to their responsibilities towards world peace?

Answer: The names of those personalities are:

- Pope Benedict XVI (December 6, 2011)
- President of Israel, Shimon Perez (February 12, 2012)
- Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu (February 20, 2012)
- President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (March 7, 2012)
- Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper (March 8, 2012)
- President of America, Barack Obama (March 8, 2012)
- King of Saudi Arabia, Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Sauood (March 28, 2012)
- Premier of China, Wen Jiabao (April 14, 2012)
- Prime Minister of England, David Cameron (April 15, 2012)
- Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel (April 15, 2012)
- President of France, Nikolas Sarkozy (former (April 15, 2012)
- Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II (April 19, 2012)
- Supreme leader of Iran, Ayatullah Syed Ali Hussaini Khamenai (May 14, 2012)
- President of France, Francois Hollande (May 16, 2012)

Question: For whom did Huzoor[aa] say "O Qudoos! We pay tribute to you."

Answer: For Respected Master Abdul Qudoos who was martyred on March 30, 2012. (He was the sector in-charge and the president of his area).

Question: When was the first convocation of Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK held? And how many missionaries received their degrees from Huzoor[aa]?

Answer: June 9, 2012, and 23 missionaries received their 'Shahid' degrees from Huzoor[aa].

Question: What is the importance of Capitol Hill in America? When did Huzoor[aa] speak there?

Answer: All important offices and departments of the American Government are located in those buildings and the meetings of the American Parliament and Senate also take place there. During his visit to America, Huzoor[aa] delivered an address there on June 12th 2012 which was attended by many Senators, Congressmen, and other dignitaries.

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Answer: The convocation was held on July 11, 2012 and the graduating classes of 2010, 2011, and 2012 got their degrees from Huzoor[aa] which consisted of 40 missionaries.

Question: Who welcomed Huzoor[aa] in Ontario on his visit to Canada in 2012?

Answer: Premier of Ontario, Honourable Dalton McGuinty.

Question: Which Far East countries Huzoor[aa] visited in 2013?

Answer: Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Question: In which parliament building did Huzoor[aa] lead collective prayer?

Answer: Parliament building of New Zealand

Question: Which mosques were inaugurated during this tour?

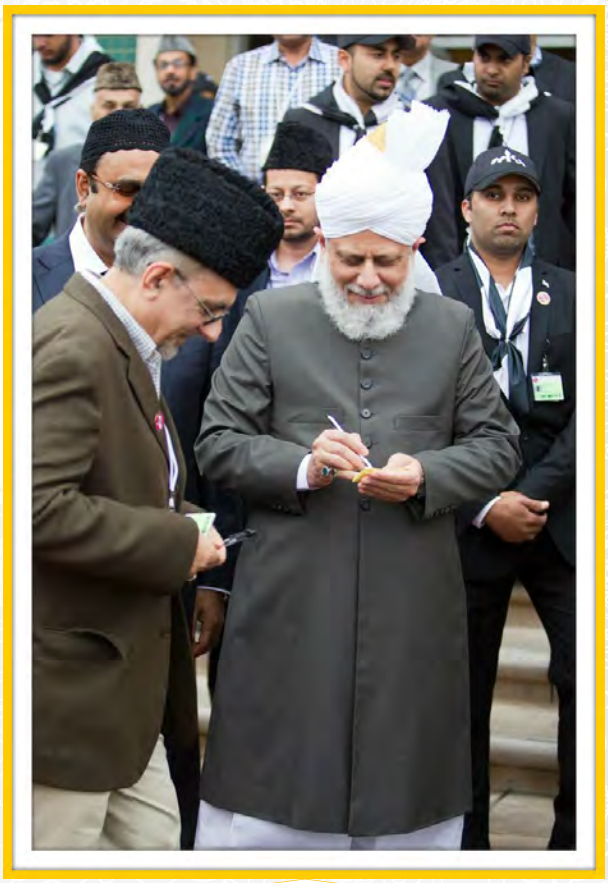
Answer: Baitul Muqeet in New Zealand and Ahmadiyya Centre in Melbourne.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, arrived in Calgary on May 22, 2013 and was greeted by more than 1,600 Ahmadī Muslim men, women and children, who were thrilled to see their beloved Imām.

Top row left: Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa, attending a special reception on May 11, 2013 at the Montage Hotel in Beverley Hills, California, USA. Top row right: Huzooraa inaugurating Baitur Raheem mosque in Neuwied, Germany on June 25, 2013. Second row left: Huzooraa signing visitor's book in Ahmadiyya Muslim College - Narere, Fiji on April 28, 2006. Second row right: Huzooraa unveiling the plaque of Baitur Rahman mosque in Vancouver, B.C. (Canada) on May 18, 2013.

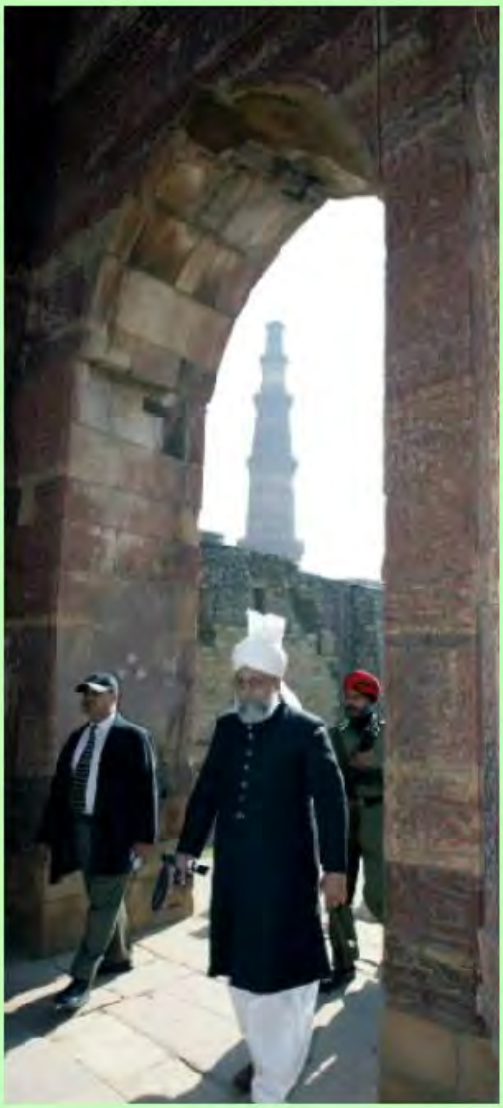
Huzoor[aa] visiting Capitol Hill, USA in June 2012, and meeting various dignitaries.

Huzoor[aa]'s Tour of USA 2013
Big Bear Lake Visit,
Monday – May 13, 2013.



Huzoor[aa] touring USA, May 2013

Inspection of Roti Plant, at Jalsa Sālāna UK 2013



Top left: Huzoor[aa] and delegation returning from Le Bout Du Monde Edge of the World, Mauritius 2005. Right: Huzoor[aa] visits the famous Qutab Minar (Minaret) in Delhi, India—2005. Second row right: Huzoor[aa] planting a tree at Montagne Blance Maqbarah Moosiyan. Second row middle: Huzoor[aa] preparing to depart from Qādiān, India in 2005 (Mirzā Waseem Ahmad Sāhib is with Huzoor[aa]).

On the left: Huzoor[aa] visiting the Capitol Hill. On June 27, 2012, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh V[aa], was welcomed to the Capitol Hill, in Washington D.C. where he delivered a keynote address entitled "The Path to Peace – Just Relations between Nations" to an audience filled with more than 30 members of the United States Congress, including Honourable Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic Leader in the House of Representatives.